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 BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SCHOOL NO. 1.

Miss Annie K. Hosford, teacher first and part of second term; Miss Emma S. Putnam, teacher for the remainder of the year.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	8
Whole No. of scholars,	10	9	8
Average No. belonging to the school,	9	9	7
Average daily attendance,	8	8	6
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	2	2	2
No. of tardy marks,	11	18	6
No. of days absences,	22	45	23

Average whole number for the year, 10.

Average attendance for the year, 7.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$14.50.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.*—Addie

NOTE.—The figures 1, 2, 3, indicate the terms in which the scholars were perfect.

M. Boyce, 1, 2; Viola M. Doolittle, 2, 3; Grace R. Putnam, 1, 3.

This school, during Spring and part of Fall term, was in charge of Miss Annie K. Hosford. She obtained the confidence of both scholars and parents, and was successful in her work. After keeping the school five weeks in the Fall, she had an offer of a better situation, and asked to be excused from further service in the school. The committee thought it would hardly be fair to oblige her to finish the school, thereby losing a good situation, so they reluctantly granted her request.

They then secured the services of Miss Emma S. Putnam to finish the work begun by Miss Hosford, and also to teach the Winter term. We believe she labored faithfully to make the school a success, and we think gave general satisfaction.

NO. 2.—FIRST PRIMARY.

Miss Eva V. Davis, teacher for the three terms.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$7.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9	10	10
Whole No. of scholars,	38	21	36
Average No. belonging to the school,	33	18	36
Average daily attendance,	32	16	28
Percentage of daily attendance,	.97	.89	.88
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,	6	1	3
No. of tardy marks,	20	10	25
No. of days lost by absences,	304	263	416

Average whole number for the year, 44.

Average attendance for the year, 25.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$4.91.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Alburet Parker, 1; Jos. Nallett, 1; Leander Gonyou, 1; Frank Granz, 1; Isros Cote, 1, 2; Floretta Paro, 1; Winifred E. Hardee, 2; Josephine Cote, 3; Mary Bouchie, 3.

The examination at the close of the Winter term showed that this school took second rank to none in town. The teacher has three or four years' experience in teaching, and has been in this school for the past two years or more. She had an arduous task, and it was faithfully performed on her part. To manage this school as it should be, and sustain good order and discipline, requires an aptness to interest and control small children. The scholars made good progress and seemed to be happy.

NO. 2.—SECOND PRIMARY.

Miss Lireiette Davis, teacher for the two terms.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$4.50 first term; \$6.00 second term.

	1st Term.	2d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9	10
Whole No. of scholars,	30	20
Average No. belonging to school,	27	17
Average daily attendance,	25	16
Percentage of daily attendance,	.93	.94
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,	2	3
No. of tardy marks,	3	26
No. of days lost by absences,	221	188

Average whole number for the year, 30.

Average attendance for the year, 20.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$3.28.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Wentworth Fairbanks, 1, 2; Delphis Coty, 1; Charles McColley, 2; Harry McColley, 2.

This school was started owing to the crowded condition of the Primary school, there being upwards of seventy scholars, so the committee decided to hire the hall over the school room and put in some tables and start a second school. Miss Davis was engaged for the term, and though she labored under many difficulties in her school room equipments, yet she did good work, and is deserving of credit as well as the scholars. If the scholars (or, rather, the parents) in these schools could be made to see the injury and worry that they are perpetrating upon the community in their irregular attendance, we think they would try and bring about a reform in this respect.

NO. 2.—UPPER.

Miss Mattie B. Clark, teacher first, second and part of third term; Elmer J. Fosgate, teacher part of third term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$9.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9	10	10
Whole No. of scholars,	23	22	27
Average No. belonging to the school,	22	20	24
Average daily attendance,	20	19	20
Percentage of daily attendance,	.90	.95	.83
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,	0	8	5
No. of tardy marks,	12	5	26
No. of days lost by absence,	144	166	207

Average whole number for the year, 24.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$10.87.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—May Birkinshaw, 2, 3; Zella Cuthbert, 2, 3; Lura Smith,

2; Susie Smith, 2; Maud Quigley, 2; George Cuthbert, 2, 3; Ralph Cuthbert, 2, 3; Louis Ripley, 2; Maggie Cuthbert, 3.

We are pleased to report that during the year this school has been a success. Miss Clark taught the Spring, Fall and part of the Winter term. She manifested an interest in the pupils, gaining their love and esteem, thus making the school pleasant and profitable. The scholars were orderly and attentive. After Miss Clark's promotion to the Grammar school, Mr. Elmer G. Fosgate, one of Winchester's young men and a member of the medical department of Dartmouth College, went in and filled out the term, with good success.

NO. 3.—PRIMARY.

Miss Jennie L. Weeks, teacher part of first term; Miss M. Grace Ball, teacher part of first term; Miss Julia T. Bliss, teacher second and third terms.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$7.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10
Whole No. of scholars,	38	38	36
Average No. belonging to the school,	37	35	32
Average daily attendance,	36	33	29
Percentage of daily attendance,	.97	.94	.91
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,	10	12	9
No. of tardy marks,	13	6	10
No. of days lost by absences,	147	230	340
Average whole number for the year, 49.			
Average attendance for the year, 33.			
Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$4.28.			

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Bessie G. Ames, 1; Bernice F. Jebb, 1; Bessie G. Norwood, 1; Frank A. Brewer, 1, 2, 3; Ned C. Eaton, 1, 2; Mellen C. Greenleaf, 1, 2, 3; Georgie W. Hutchins, 1; Winnie E. St. Clair, 1, 2; LeRoy Sprague, 1, 2; Lee C. Wood, 1, 2, 3; Lula J. Bent, 2; Edwin C. Buffum, 2; Eddie C. Lewis, 2, 3; George I. Metcalf, 2, 3; Leon R. Partridge, 2, 3; George R. Snow, 2; Emma F. Bent, 3; Ned C. Buffum, 3; Winnie O. Hill, 3.

This school started off under the instruction of Miss Jennie L. Weeks, who had taught the school the greater part of the time for the past nine years. After having taught one week she gave up the school, much to the regret, not only of the Committee, but of all who had children in the school. Miss Weeks was one of the most successful Primary teachers to be found in the county. Miss M. Grace Ball was then engaged to teach the school; she kept some five weeks, when she was taken sick, and had to give it up, and Miss Weeks finished out the term. Miss Julia T. Bliss was engaged for the Fall and Winter terms.

At each examination a very fair degree of improvement was shown by the scholars, and their appearance was commendable. The attendance was quite regular, and but few instances of tardiness occurred in either term. We found here—as we are always in hopes to—a good school.

NO. 3.—INTERMEDIATE.

Mrs. N. Maria Snow, teacher first term; Miss Dora E. Swan, teacher second term; Miss M. Annie Merriam, teacher third term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$8.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10
Whole No. of scholars,	44	46	47
Average No. belonging to the school,	43	45	46
Average daily attendance,	40	43	39
Percentage of daily attendance,	.93	.96	.85
No. of pupils who have not been ab-			
sent or tardy,	10	19	5
No. of tardy marks,	16	11	28
No. days lost by absences,	194	163	410

Average whole number for the year, 45.

Average attendance for the year, 45.

Cost per scholar for the teacher's salary, \$5.33.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Mabel F. Brown, 1; Nettie M. Brown, 1; Lottie M. Coburn, 1; Mary K. Dickinson, 1; Geneva C. Hildreth, 1; Ara M. Jackson, 1; Cherrie St. Clair, 1, 2, 3; Guy V. Norwood, 1; Frank W. Phillips, 1; Dean M. Spaulding, 1; Bessie G. Ames, 2; Maud F. Bingham, 2, 3; Bernice Brewer, 2; Ethie V. Buffum, 2; Eva Combs, 2; Mamie Doherty, 2; Geneva Eaton, 2; Edith Hammond, 2; Geneva Hildreth, 2; Eleanor L. Swan, 2, 3; Susie Winters, 2; Irwin Combs, 2; John Cooney, 2; Willie Eames, 2; Charlie Metcalf, 2; Philip Pierce, 2; Lessie L. Hutchins, 3; Vere N. Sprague, 3.

The Spring term was taught by Mrs. N. Maria Snow, a teacher of long experience. She had been in this school for the past two years, giving good satisfaction. After the close of the Spring term, Mrs. Snow decided to give up teaching, for the present, at least, so it became necessary to engage another, and Miss Dora E. Swan was selected for the position. Miss Swan is an experienced teacher, and though the schools of this grade

as a rule are hard to manage, Miss Swan succeeded in gaining the good-will of the scholars, maintained good discipline and seemed to infuse the scholars with a desire to learn; but she, too, felt that her first duty* was at home, and by no inducement of the Committee could she be persuaded to continue longer. Miss N. Annie Merriam, of Bellows Falls, Vermont, was recommended to the Committee, and they secured her services for the Winter term. Miss Merriam tried hard to do the best she could, but not having so good an understanding of human nature as a successful teacher should possess, she failed to win the love and respect of the scholars. To manage this school judiciously, and maintain good order and discipline, requires a peculiar talent. A stricter discipline at home, and a good many more visits from the parents, would have a great influence in promoting good behavior and laudable, scholarly ambition among the scholars. We trust in the future we may succeed in securing a good teacher, and one who will continue long in the school.

There was a good attendance of parents at the close of school, but as the teacher had taken the time in the forenoon to go through her examination, there was but one class called out in arithmetic; the rest of the time was devoted to speaking, singing and other exercises.

NO. 3.—GRAMMAR.

Miss Cora S. Morse, teacher first, second and part of third term; Miss Mattie B. Clark, teacher part of third term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$10.00

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12 11	2-5
Whole No. of scholars,	26	30	30
Average No. belonging to the school,	25	29	26
Average daily attendance,	24	28	24
Percentage of daily attendance,	.96	.97	.92
No. of pupils who have not been ab-			
sent or tardy,	5	11	5
No. of tardy marks,	18	17	6
No. of days lost by absences,	162	118	326

Average whole number for the year, 26.

Average attendance for the year, 25.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$13.61.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Warren N. Kendrick, 1, 2; George D. Norwood, 1, 2; Ben. H. Robbins, 1; Eugene A. Seaver, 1; Francis E. Rixford, 1; Mabel F. Brown, 2, 3; Nettie M. Brown, 2; Susie J. Cross, 2; May K. Dickinson, 2, 3; Jessie M. Metcalf, 2, 3; Burton D. Lewis, 2; Guy V. Norwood, 2; Edwin D. Prentice, 2; Lena M. Ressler, 2; Emily Smith, 3.

The first, second and part of the third term of this school were taught by Miss Morse, and we pronounce them unqualifiedly good. She has had large experience in teaching, has great educational qualifications, a conscientious devotion to the interests of her charge, which deserves much commendation. She was one of those teachers who, if a scholar failed to come up to the required standard in the recitation, it would trouble her much more than the pupil. She began the Winter term, and after keeping three weeks, tendered her resignation on account of poor health, and very soon left for the sunny South, there amid the orange groves of Florida to

pass the long, cold winter months. It was with sorrow and regret that the Committee accepted her resignation, for she was a live, progressive teacher, was not tied down to old methods and ideas. With her, her labors did not begin at nine o'clock in the morning and end with the dismissal of the school in the afternoon.

The school was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mattie B. Clark, who had been teaching at Upper Ashuelot during the past two years. In this new position Miss Clark has maintained her previous reputation for faithful and efficient work.

HIGH SCHOOL.

On account of the principal being called away by the illness of his father, making it necessary to close the school two weeks, we are unable to bring the school to a close in time to publish all the statistics. We give the statistics for the first and second terms.

Mr. George Sherman, principal, Miss Cora F. Butler, assistant, for the first term; Mr. John G. Thompson, principal, Miss Daisy Leonard, assistant, for the second and third terms.

Wages of principal, per week, \$23.61; wages of assistant, per week, \$9.00.

	1st Term. 2d Term. 3d Term.			
Length of school in weeks,	11	3-5	11	4-5
Whole No. of scholars,		37		38
Average No. belonging to the school,		35		38
Average daily attendance,		34		37
Percentage daily attendance,		.97		.97
No. of pupils who have not been absent,		7		21
No. of tardy marks,		19		13
No. of days absences,		106		42

Average attendance for two terms, 36.

Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy.—Lyndhurst G. Bullis, 1, Frank Kendrick, 1, 2, Emma A. Davis, 1; Ida E. Smith, 1, Lee Dickinson, 2, Bennie Robbins, 2, George Smith, 2, Eugene Seaver, 2, Alice R. Foster, 2, Ella E. Morse, 2, Frances Rixford, 2, Frank J. Gale, 1, 2, Edwin M. Phillips, 1, Hattie A. Kingman, 1, 2, Ellery Albee, 2, Leon Norwood, 2, Elmer Stetson, 2, Alfred L. Saben, 2, Ellen L. Albee, 2, Nora Kelton, 2, Emily M. Pickett, 2, Nellie Rixford, 2.

We are pleased to report that the High school has been in a very prosperous condition during the year. The Spring term was in charge of Mr. George Sherman and Miss Cora Butler, the same teachers as last year. Under their excellent management the school made great advancement and reached a very high standard of excellence. The work performed was, in our judgment, of the most faithful kind. We believe the principal labored hard to build up the school and make it a success, that he had the moral, as well as intellectual, welfare of every scholar at heart, and that his influence over the school was such that the standard of the school was raised morally as well as intellectually. At the close of the term, both teachers tendered their resignations, much to the regret of the Committee, who, under the circumstances, did not feel justified in voting any increase in salaries, and, as the teachers believed they could, perhaps, do better in other fields of labor, the Committee reluctantly granted their request.

As soon as it became known that the principal had resigned, the Committee began to receive applications for the vacancy, both by letter and in person, and in all

received over sixty applications. They finally decided to give the situation to Mr. John G. Thompson, whose former home had been in the state of Illinois. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and has had considerable experience in teaching. For the year previous to this he had charge of the High school in Sandwich, Mass., with excellent success. In the meantime the Committee had secured the services of Miss Daisy Leonard, of Hinsdale, a graduate of the Hinsdale High school, as assistant principal. Under their excellent management the work of the school has gone on in a manner most satisfactory to the Committee, and, we believe, to all parties interested. The relations between teachers and pupils have appeared to be very pleasant; there has been no indication of any disaffection, and none have dropped out of the school on account of any unpleasantness on the part of either teacher or pupil.

The graduation class the past year numbered two in the English and Classical, and three in the English course, and were as follows:—Ella L. Gates, M. Lillian Lewis, Classical, and Charles I. Gould, Harry C. Parker, Susie F. Very, English.

Senior Class, 1888.—Ellery E. Albee, Frank J. Gale, Alfred L. Saben, Emma A. Davis, Alice R. Foster, Rosa E. Jackson, Emily M. Pickett, Ella E. Morse.

The large numbers of people attending the graduation exercises, filling our largest hall to overflowing, attest the interest taken by our citizens in this part of the work of our High school.

We believe that much of the opposition to the High school, which has been shown in former years by too many of our citizens, is being abandoned. Our citizens

are realizing more, year by year, the benefit to themselves as well as to the town of having such an institution, free to all scholars in town, in which to educate their children. We wish the interest might increase until every parent would rise up as one person in defence of the school, and would put themselves in position to obtain some of its benefits. We think it would be an excellent idea if the parents and citizens would visit the school occasionally, and see for themselves the good work that is there being performed, and not be led to trust too much to the reports of others in regard to the work in the school. We are sorry to say that the register shows that but very few persons ever find it convenient to visit the school.

We believe that the outlook for the school in the future is very bright. That the school, though not by any means perfect, has reached quite a high standard of excellence, that it will compare favorably with any similar institution in our state, and that the school is one in which every intelligent citizen of Winchester should take pride.

COURSE OF STUDY IN WINCHESTER, N. H. HIGH SCHOOL.

FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.	SPRING TERM.
FOURTH CLASS.		
Algebra, Rhetoric, Zoology, *Latin.	Algebra, Rhetoric, Zoology, Latin.	Algebra, Rhetoric, Book-keeping, Latin.
THIRD CLASS.		
Physical Geography, or *Greek, Algebra, Physiology, Cæsar.	English History, or Greek, Geometry, Botany, Cæsar.	English History, or Greek, Geometry, Botany, Cæsar.
JUNIORS.		
Geometry, Natural Philosophy, English Literature, or Zenophon, Cicero.	Geometry, Natural Philosophy, English Literature, or Zenophon, Cicero.	Geology, Natural Philosophy, English Literature, or Zenophon, Cicero.
SENIORS.		
Ancient History, Chemistry, English Literature, or Homer, Arithmetic, (review) Virgil.	Modern History, Chemistry, English Literature, or Homer, Grammar, (review) Virgil.	Astronomy, Civil Government, Political Economy, or Homer, Geography, (review) Virgil.

* Greek and Latin are optional.

Rhetoricals throughout the course.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Miss M. Lillian Lewis, teacher.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,			9
Whole No. of scholars,			9
Average No. belonging to the school,			8
Average daily attendance,			7
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,			2
No. of tardy marks,			12
No. of days lost by absence,			66

Average whole number for the year, 5.

Average attendance for the year, 7.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$5.50.

Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy.—Lester G. Johnson, Daniel J. Kennedy.

During the Spring and Fall terms the scholars belonging in this locality attended school in No. 20. As quite a number of scholars in this locality are small, some of the parents petitioned the Committee to hold a Winter term of school in the school house in No. 4, as they considered it would be quite a hardship to send their scholars to any other school. On investigation, it was thought best to do so. Consequently the school was opened, and Miss Lillian M. Lewis secured as teacher. She gave most excellent satisfaction. She seemed interested in her work, and the examination showed a good degree of progress.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Miss Margaret Miller, of Hatfield, Mass., teacher first term; Miss Ellen M. Davis, teacher second term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	7	
Whole No. of scholars,	19	14	
Average No. belonging to the school,	15	12	
Average daily attendance,	13	10	
Percentage of daily attendance,	.86	.83	
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,	6	1	
No. of tardy marks,	1		
No. of days absences,	39	40	

Average whole number for the year, 21.

Average attendance for the year, 11.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$4.45.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Eva L. Butler, 1, Fred O. Butler, 1, Arthur W. Morey, 1, 2, Gertie M. Carpenter, 1, John H. Carpenter, 1, Arthur W. Ware, 1.

The Spring term was in charge of Miss Margaret Miller. It was her first experience in teaching. There seemed to be a want of confidence in the teacher on part of scholars and parents, which caused considerable trouble. The committee were called on several times to settle cases of insubordination on part of scholars against the teacher, which, we think, might have been avoided if the parents had taken a somewhat different course. Parents should be careful not to speak of a teacher's faults in presence of their children, much less uphold them in any rebellion against their teacher's authority. If cases arise where they think a teacher has exceeded his authority, in cases of discipline, or anything else, they should take pains to see the teacher, talk the matter over with him, have things explained, and nine times out of ten the trouble could be settled satisfactorily to all par-

ties, greatly to the benefit of their children, as well as to the prosperity of the whole school. The committee feel that the school was not a success, but that the failure was not occasioned entirely by lack of judgment on the part of the teacher.

The Fall term was in charge of Miss Ellen M. Davis, of Winchester, a graduate of the High school. She took hold of the work in a manner most satisfactory to all parties interested. The school was progressing finely, when, unfortunately, the scarlet fever made its appearance in that locality, which made it necessary to close the school after it had kept seven weeks.

The Committee did not think it advisable to re-open the school during the remainder of the year.

The town, at the last annual meeting, voted to raise \$300.00 for the repair of school houses, leaving it to be used at the discretion of the Committee. On investigation, they decided to repair the No. 5 school house, as, in their judgment, this house stood full as much in need of repairs as any other. The underpinning on the north and west sides had partly fallen in, the chimney was unsafe, and the building badly needed painting. The building inside was in as bad condition as the outside. In the first place, the school room was too small to accommodate the scholars attending, so as to produce the best results in school work. The plastering was off in many places, and the seats badly broken. All these defects have been remedied, at a cost but little exceeding the appropriation, making the school room as pleasant and convenient as any in town.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Miss Susie P. Pierce, teacher first term; Miss M.

Lillian Lewis, teacher second term; Miss Nellie M. Seaver, teacher third term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	8
Whole No. of scholars,	15	15	14
Average No. belonging to the school,	13	13	12
Percentage of daily attendance,	.92	.92	.90
No. of pupils who have not been ab-			
sent or tardy,	3	8	6
No. of tardy marks,	10	8	3
No. of days lost by absences,	92	30	31

Average whole number for the year, 17.

Average attendance for the year, 11.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$9.05.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Florence C. Scott, 1, Bertie L. Willard, 1, 2, Herman Clark, 2, 3, Annie E. Hunt, 3, Maud L. Jackson, 3, Florence E. Willard, 1, 2, 3, Eddie E. Baker, 1, Gertie A. Hildreth, 2, Frank Jackson, 3, Earl C. Phelps, 3.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Susie P. Pierce. She seemed to have gained the good-will of the scholars, and the examination showed that she was a competent instructress in all studies taught in the school, and that commendable progress had been made. Perhaps a little more attention to the matter of discipline would have been of benefit to the school, but on the whole, the Committee considered the school a success.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Lillian M. Lewis. She somehow failed to gain the confidence of the parents, consequently the school was not as successful as it might otherwise have been. Some of the scholars do not seem to be disposed to do as well as they might. Perhaps a

little home training in ways of right would produce better results in school. It is often the case that parents are led to criticise too severely the work of teachers, especially beginners. Many times, also, reports are made in regard to schools, which upon investigation prove to be untrue. We believe that, although mistakes may have been made, the school under the circumstances, progressed as well under Miss Lewis' instruction as might be expected from one who never had any experience in school work.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Nellie M. Seaver. She entered upon her work with an energy that could not fail of producing excellent results. About a week before the time set for closing of school, during the severe cold spell, the wood gave out, and owing to the bad condition of the roads at the time, it was thought best to close the school, which was done, without an examination. We think the people in that locality are well satisfied with the work performed by Miss Seaver.

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Miss Sarah E. Osgood, Nelson, N. H., teacher for the year.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	9	9
Whole No. of scholars,	18	19	15
Average No. belonging to the school,	17	15	13
Average daily attendance,	17	14	12
Percentage of daily attendance,	.99	.94	.92
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	10	4	
No. of tardy marks,	4	12	20
No. of days lost by absences,	38	25	72

Average whole number for the year, 20.

Average attendance for the year, 14.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$7.70.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Nellie L. Clark, 1, 2, Emma A. Doolittle, 1, Rosa A. Field, 2, Carrie E. Richardson, 1, Karl W. Hill, 1, Herman Whittemore, 1, 2, Gertie L. Clark, 1, Maria J. Debell, 1, May L. Hill, 1, Albert D. Clark, 1, Herbert Whittemore, 1, 2.

This school for the past year has been in charge of Miss Sarah E. Osgood. Her work has been of the most faithful kind. She seems to have had the moral as well as the intellectual welfare of the scholars at heart, and her efforts cannot be too highly appreciated.

This is one of the most interesting schools in town. Perhaps the scholars are not quite as far advanced in their studies as are scholars in some of the other schools in town of the same grade, but they show a disposition to improve their opportunities, and are not disposed to give a teacher much trouble in way of discipline.

The Committee would suggest that some means be taken to increase the size of the school room. The school, for a greater part of the time during the year, has been over-crowded, making it almost impossible for a teacher to accomplish as good work as could have been done in a more convenient school room.

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Miss Nettie E. Fuller, of Orange, Mass., teacher first term; Miss Mary L. Read, Westport, N. H., teacher second term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.00.

	1st Term. 2d Term.		
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	3-5
Whole No. of scholars,	3		3
Average No. belonging to school,	3		3
Average daily attendance,	3		2
Percentage of daily attendance,	.93		.80
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	1		
No. of tardy marks,	1		1
No. of days lost by absences,	15		31

Average whole number for the year, 3.

Average attendance for the year, 3.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$36.00.

Name of scholar neither absent nor tardy.—Louis O. Clark, 1.

The Summer term was in charge of Miss Nettie Fuller. She appeared to be thorough in her methods of teaching, and extra progress was made. This school, in point of numbers, is the smallest in town. The teacher showed capabilities that would fit her to have charge of a much larger school. The Fall term was in charge of Miss Mary L. Read, and may be considered a success. This teacher promises well in her profession.

It is to be regretted that there is not a larger number of scholars to attend the school, as the school house is new and very pleasantly located.

The people in this locality observed last Arbor day by planting trees on the school grounds, which in time will do much toward beautifying their appearance. They deserve commendation for their efforts in this direction.

Perhaps some of the townspeople may doubt the expediency of maintaining a school with so small a number of scholars. The Committee considered the matter carefully, and came to the conclusion that, owing to the

great distance and bad roads over which the scholars would be obliged to travel to reach any other school, and the fact that the town would be called on to pay for their being carried, that there was no way the matter could be settled to the satisfaction of all parties interested, and with so little expense to the town, as by maintaining a school in that locality.

SCHOOL NO: 10.

Mrs. Cora B. Rixford, teacher for the year.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term. 2d Term. 3d Term.		
Length of school in weeks,	10 1-2	10 2-5	9 3-5
Whole No. of scholars,	14	15	13
Average No. belonging to the school,	13	14	12
Average daily attendance,	12	12	11
Percentage of daily attendance,	.92	.86	.92
No. of pupils who have not been ab-			
sent,	5	7	5
No. of tardy marks,	1		
No. of days lost by absences,	44	50	13

Average whole number for the year, 16.

Average attendance for the year, 12.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$10.50.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Mabel L. Lawrence, 1, 2, 3, Gladys M. Thompson, 1, 2, 3, Jessie Field, 2, Willie L. Field, 2, Ray Thompson, 1, 2, 3, Eva A. Lawrence, 2, Oliver S. Lawrence, 1, 2, 3, George W. Thompson, 1, 3.

Mrs. Rixford had charge of this school during the year. Her work was of the most faithful kind. The examination at close of Winter term revealed the best of

order and advancement. There was scarcely an instance of failure, even to a single question. This was her ninth term of consecutive work in this school. We believe that if a teacher makes a success of her work in any school, it is poor policy to change as long as her services can be retained. We think that those interested in this school should feel thankful that Mrs. Rixford's services could be retained for so long a time.

SCHOOL NO. 13.

Mrs. Minnie T. Partridge, teacher Spring term ; Miss Ella L. Gates, teacher Fall term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	
Whole No. of scholars,	16	16	
Average No. belonging to the school,	15	12	
Average daily attendance,	14	11	
Percentage daily attendance,	.96	.91	
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	4	3	
No. of tardy marks,	22	9	
No. of days absences,	33	42	

Average whole number for the year, 21.

Average attendance for the year, 13.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$5.50.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Sadie Hammond, 1, Melvin Nott, 1, Harry Willard, 1, Winfred Hammond, 2, Archie Willard, 1, 2.

Mrs. Partridge and Miss Gates were earnest, faithful teachers, and we humbly beg their pardon and the pardon of those under their charge, by jeopardizing their health and lives, by insufficient shelter, in a climate so variable as ours.

SCHOOL NO. 16.

Miss Josephine M. Alexander, of Northfield, Mass., teacher first term; Miss Nettie E. Fuller, Orange, Mass., teacher second and third terms.

Wages of teacher, per week, first term, \$6.00; second and third terms, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	8
Whole No. of scholars,	30	28	30
Average No. belonging to the school,	27	24	25
Average daily attendance,	24	23	24
Percentage of daily attendance,	.88	.95	.96
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	8	12	7
No. of tardy marks,			
No. days lost by absences,			

Average whole number for the year, 36.

Average attendance for the year, 24.

Cost per scholar for the teacher's salary, \$4.42.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Mary E. Bolton, 1, 2, 3, Cora L. Davis, 1, 2, Mary Duggan, 1, 2, Rosie Howard, 1, 2, Hiram O. Bolton, 1, 2, 3, Elwin A. Davis, 1, 2, 3, Harry Preserved Smith, 1, Harry Pratt Smith, 1, 2, 3, Lura C. Davis, 1, Stella D. Davis, 1, Mary E. Duggan, 1, 2, Hattie Hale, 1, Millie P. Hale, 1, 2, Dennis Duggan, 1, 2.

SCHOOL NO. 18.—PRIMARY.

Miss Julia T. Bliss, teacher first term; Miss Susie P. Pierce, teacher second and third terms.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$7.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9 4-5	9 9-10	9 9-10
Whole No. of scholars,	49	49	45
Average No. belonging to the school,	44	46	40
Average daily attendance,	38	35	33
Percentage of daily attendance,	.86	.76	.82
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	8	6	3
No. of tardy marks,			
No. of days lost by absence,	316	268	410

Average whole number for the year, 61.

Average attendance for the year, 35.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$3.44.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Katie A. Joyce, 1, 2, Mary L. Lacoss, 1, Nellie Kelly, 2, Ida Detour, 3, Andrew Lacoss, 3, Minnie B. Joyce, 1, 2, Lena Kelly, 2, Hannah Conroy, 3, Carlos Duplicy, 2.

The Summer term was taught by Julia T. Bliss. This was her seventh consecutive term in this school, and the result, as has been the case in former terms, was highly satisfactory.

The Fall and Winter terms were in charge of Miss Susie P. Pierce. This was her first experience in teaching a school of this grade. She labored faithfully and impartially, and the result showed her to be entirely competent for the work. The examination showed that most excellent progress had been made, and that the usual high standard of the school had been maintained. This is a very interesting school. The scholars are bright and attractive, and it is to be regretted that they could not have been more regular in their attendance. The register for the Winter term showed 821 half day absences. Sickness and severe weather may account for a part of

this, but we fear, in many instances, the parents have been remiss.

NO. 18.—UPPER DEPARTMENT.

Miss Dora E. Swan, teacher first term; Miss M. Grace Ball, teacher second term; Miss Emma F. Pickering, teacher third term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$8.00.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10
Whole No. of scholars,	36	44	32
Average No. belonging to the school,	34	41	28
Average daily attendance,	31	32	24
Percentage of daily attendance,	.92	.78	.88
No. of pupils who have not been absent or tardy,	7	7	3
No. of tardy marks,	26	30	43
No. of days lost by absences,	225	302	426

Average whole number for the year, 34.

Average attendance for the year, 29.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$7.06.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Ida Kelley, 1, 3, Abbie Quigley, 1, Frank Callihan, 1, 2, John Dickinson, 1, 2, Tom Mangan, 1, Eddie Qualters, 1, 3, Edith Felch, 1, Mary Welch, 2, Michael Crabb, 2, Eugene Dickinson, 2, Tom Kelley, 2, Nellie Conroy, 3, Eddie Cunningham, 3.

In this school, as well as some others, there has been too many changes of teachers. Myrtie B. Swan was engaged for the Spring term, with the hope of her experience and known ability to teach, that she would continue through the year; but, after having taught a few days, she was taken sick, and for this reason the district has

been deprived of her services during the past year. Miss Dora E. Swan went in and filled out the term for her sister with entire satisfaction, not only to the Committee, but to pupil and parent.

The Fall term was under the charge of Miss M. Grace Ball. She had a large school, having some forty-four scholars. We were very favorably impressed at both our visits. Good order prevailed, and the pupils seemed to be desirous of having a successful school. The exercises at the close of the term were very gratifying to the Committee, as well as creditable to the teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Pickering, a young lady of some experience as a teacher. We were sorry to see so many absentees, thus depriving themselves of that which would be of so much value to them in after years. Parents are too often forgetful of the fact that it does not rest entirely with the best of teachers whether or not success crowns their efforts; they have a duty to perform as well. Only by a close relation between parent and teacher can the best results be attained.

There is one fact, worthy of note, in this school. John Dickinson has been to school here since the school house was erected, some ten or eleven years ago, and during all this time he has neither been absent nor tardy until the last term, when he had to be absent on account of sickness. Where is the other young man who can say so much? Punctuality and a determined effort will overcome all obstacles and crown your endeavors with success.

SCHOOL NO. 20.

Miss Emma F. Pickering, teacher first and second terms; Miss Ellen M. Davis, teacher third term.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	9
Whole No. of scholars,	13	12	5
Average No. belonging to the school,	12	12	8
Average daily attendance,	11	11	8
Percentage of daily attendance,	.91	.95	.94
No. of pupils who have not been ab-			
sent,	1	5	3
No. of tardy marks,			
No. of days lost by absences,	59	52	31

Average whole number for the year, 16.

Average attendance for the year, 10.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$9.34.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Kate L. Swan, 1, 2, Robert L. Beals, 2, Cora L. Atherton, 2, Leon E. Pickett, 3, James A. Atherton, 2, Lelia I. Swan, 2, Leroy Coombs, 3, Fred C. Stearns, 3.

This has been a fortunate year for Scotland, having enjoyed the services of two of our first-class teachers. With such teachers, a new and commodious school house, intelligent and well-disposed scholars and parents deeply interested in their welfare, we could look for none other than the most favorable results, and our expectations were more than realized.

SCHOOL NO. 21.

Miss Bertha S. Sprague, of Hinsdale, N. H., teacher first term; Miss May B. Thompson, teacher second and third terms.

Wages of teacher, per week, \$5.50.

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10
Whole No. of scholars,	25	33	21

	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Average No. belonging to the school,	22	30	19
Average daily attendance,	20	29	19
Percentage of daily attendance,	.92	.97	.100
No. of pupils who have not been absent,	8	18	13
No. of tardy marks,			1
No. of half-day absences,	171	80	70

Average whole number for the year, 35.

Average attendance for the year, 23.

Cost per scholar for teacher's salary, \$4.83.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.—Willie

E. Barrett, 1, 2, 3, Osman H. Pickett, 1, 2, 3, Effie W. Conant, 1, Marcia S. Pickett, 1, 2, 3, Bertha M. Pickett, 2, 3, Ada M. Burpee, 2, Archie L. Thompson, 2, Melvin W. Nott, 2, Oliver D. Perry, 2, 3, Henry Burpee, 2, Winifred Drugg, 3, Clifford H. Conant, 1, Winnie A. Thompson, 1, 2, 3, Ethna E. Foster, 1, 2, 3, Helen L. Graves, 2, Susan K. Pickett, 2, 3, Bertie F. Wood, 3, Sammie V. Thompson, 2, Percy L. Foster, 1, 2, 3, Henry Graves, 2, Charlie Drugg, 3.

Miss Sprague was subjected to some annoyance by outside parties, whose advice and threats were alike uncalled-for and unheeded, and the result of her efforts was most satisfactory.

We cannot speak too highly of the school under Miss Thompson's administration. Teacher and scholars appeared to make the most of their opportunities.

GENERAL REMARKS.

To the People of Winchester:

In presenting their annual report of the schools, your Committee feel justified in congratulating the citizens on the work that has been accomplished the past year, and the generally satisfactory condition of the schools in the town—though some have not come up to the standard we could desire. We do not expect that our schools have arrived at such a state that there are no imperfections to be found in them, and we earnestly invite all honest criticism in regard to them. Such criticisms as have for their object the good of the scholar and the school, and are not called forth by some fancied slight or injury to pupil or parent, or from some idle street rumor, that in being passed from person to person, has grown to such proportions as to have no striking resemblance to the original facts in the case.

We will try in as brief a manner as possible to present to you in this report some of the work that has been done, show for what purpose the money appropriated by you has been expended, and call your attention to some of the most important wants of the schools for the coming year.

TEACHERS.

The character and importance of a teacher's work is not generally fully understood or appreciated ; and the idea is still far too common that almost any young miss who has acquired a fair common school education, but who has had no special instructions or preparation for the work of a teacher, is competent to teach and govern a school, at least a primary school. Such is not the fact. The requisites for teaching are too many and important and difficult of attainment to be expected without effort or special training. A teacher should have thorough knowledge, from the elementary principles up to high attainments ; must have the faculty of imparting knowledge ; should be acquainted with the best methods of teaching ; should have a spirit of learning to infuse into the pupils ; must have ability to govern, and knowledge of proper ways of governing, and kinds of punishment ; should know how to maintain authority, respect and discipline, while also winning love and controlling by gentleness.

Of those who have graduated from our schools, several are already successfully engaged in teaching in our schools. It should be the aim, when practicable, that scholars graduating from all High schools, who desire to teach, should have the opportunity. We trust, however, in the near future, we shall be able to increase the pay of many of our teachers,—not that in this way we can keep the best always, but we believe many of our teachers earn much more than we have been able to pay. In the state of Massachusetts the average pay of a lady teacher is now eleven dollars per week, while in this town it is only five dollars and sixty-one cents.

DISCIPLINE.

In order that any school should attain its fullest usefulness, the discipline must be good. In the most of our schools the past year the order and discipline has been very good. One great hindrance to the success of a school many times is the attitude taken by over-indulgent parents, who seem to assume (though they may not say it) that their children are never in the wrong, and should not be corrected nor punished by the teacher for any misdemeanor they may commit. This supposition is that their children cannot be in the wrong; but we imagine that if some of these parents could be placed, only for a short time, where they could see without being seen, and view their children as the teacher,—and sometimes the Committee and others have opportunities to see them,—they would soon be satisfied that some rigorous discipline was needed.

We have often heard remarks from scholars similar to this: “My mother says that I need not do it”; or, “My father says I need not” do this thing or that, or study this or that study.

Such sentiments expressed by parents to their children invariably lead to trouble. When we hear such expressions, coming as they do from the parent to the child, can it be wondered at that we shall hear children saying, “Let us go in late, and one at a time, and slam the door after us, so as to make as much noise as we can;” and the like! Let it be understood and inculcated at all times that the school room is the place for instruction, and that no persistent disturber of its peace or pollutor of its morals ought to or would be allowed to remain there. When all shall believe this, and act accordingly,

we shall have less complaints that there is no order in school, and we respectfully submit whether an unfavorable criticism upon a school by one who has not been inside of the school room, but bases his judgment upon the report of some dissatisfied pupil or other individual, is entitled to much weight as testimony against the character of the school or its management.

ATTENDANCE.

The average attendance during the year has been about the same as it was during the previous year. We have been troubled in several instances by those who seem to seek to evade the law regarding the attendance of their children upon the public schools. Some of them have been several times visited by the truant officers, and with one excuse and another the attendance of the children in some districts has been most irregular.

While the Committee would very much dislike, in these cases, to take legal measures, they feel that the law should be complied with; and if the guardians and parents will not willingly and voluntarily accept the offer of the state to give their children an education, then the school authorities must take hold and enforce the compulsory law, however disagreeable it may be to them. In order to contribute their share in producing good results, parents should carefully watch the progress of their children day by day; they should give them aid in their studies in every proper way; they should counsel and encourage them; they should interest themselves in everything that concerns the welfare of the school, and should make frequent visits to it.

The attendance in some schools is not creditable to the parents; many children are irregular and tardy, and

the schools are greatly injured. The responsibility rests with the parents; teachers and Board of Education are not to be blamed. By a reference to the report of the various schools you can see the number of tardinesses, as well as the number of days absences; but fearing that you may not look with sufficient care and thoughtfulness upon those items, which are one of the greatest sources of annoyance and trouble to your Committee, we have grouped them together, which show that there has been 3,977 days absences;—which shows that, while you have paid your money, you have not received as much in return as you should have done. There were 521 tardinesses in the schools during the year. This should be avoided by parents as well as scholars, if it could possibly be done.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The school for the Spring term was under the charge of Mr. Geo. Sherman and his efficient assistant, Miss Cora F. Butler, and good work was done. Mr. Sherman had had charge of this school for the four years past, and had filled the position as principal with great acceptance of the School Committee, the pupils, their parents and our citizens generally. But more remunerative fields were offered, and, while the Committee would have been pleased to have had them remain longer, they could not well see how they could well increase the salary.

The applicants for the positions thus made vacant were very numerous, and we think we made a fortunate choice in the selection of Mr. John G. Thompson as principal, and Miss Daisy E. Leonard as assistant. With apparent ease they took up the work where Mr. Sherman and Miss Butler left it, and we see no reason to appre-

hend any falling away from the previous high standard of the school.

The last class to enter the school was about evenly divided between the English and Classical course. While the Committee would not dictate in regard to the course the student should enter, we believe that the choice should be made after careful consideration, and then adhered to.

If the student intends to remain in the school only a portion of the course, and does not contemplate pursuing his studies at any other institution of learning, then, as a general rule, we should advise the English course.

We would also recommend that a full compliance with the course of study as prescribed by the Board of Education be insisted upon, to entitle a student to a diploma.

REPAIRS.

No extensive repairs have been made upon the school buildings the past year, although there was ample opportunity to do so had there been an appropriation sufficient for so doing. The school house in the old district No. 5 has been thoroughly repaired, and is now as good as new. In making the repairs, your Committee felt that it would be best for the district to make a thorough repair of the building so far as they went, rather than try and spread it over the whole, and in their endeavor to keep within the appropriation deferred beginning some repairs, the need of which is now beginning to be pressing.

The house in No. 5 will need some considerable repairing if schools are to be kept there, and it now looks as though this must be, if the scholars have come to stay.

There should be some changes made in the house in No. 8, as it is too small to accommodate the scholars they have there. The chimney should be taken down and put on the outside at the other end of the house; the partition taken out, and a shed put on to the end for a wood room and entry way. If a school is to be kept in No. 13, some repairs or changes should be made. Some repairs are also needed on the building in No. 6.

We think that some arrangement should also be made for water at the various school houses; most of them are now dependent upon the kindness of those living near by for the water used. This, many times, is a source of great annoyance.

Two years ago, the School Committee reported that there was need of more school room for the Village schools, and recommended an addition to the High school building. After mature deliberation, the town declined to take any action, and the Committee kept on with the room in Powers' block, much to the disadvantage and inconvenience of both teacher and pupil. The schools in the grades below the Grammar school have been much crowded during the past few years. The number of scholars is likely to increase rather than diminish. No school of these grades should have more than thirty or thirty-five scholars, but they now have from forty-five to fifty scholars, and we think that provision should be made for at least two additional school rooms before the opening of the Fall term. We have considered several plans, but that which on the whole seems to us best, is to build a wing on the east side, two stories high, and having a room on each floor.

WORK OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

The Truant Officers appointed by the Committee at the commencement of the year were William L. R. Felch and Lorenzo W. Goss. They have been called upon to investigate quite a number of cases of truancy. None of these have been prosecuted, though it would seem that if the persistency of some of these truants continues an example should be made of some of them, especially when the officers have been called upon three or four times, as has been the case in some instances.

Much credit is due our manufacturers, who have cheerfully aided in seeing that the law was not intentionally violated, and it is now almost impossible for a boy or girl, under sixteen years of age, to obtain employment at any of the shops or factories without presenting the necessary certificate from the Board of Education that they have complied with the law.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

We think the law should be changed so that the town should furnish the books. It certainly would remove many of the impediments from a child who desires to learn, and no parent could present as an excuse for not sending his child to school the great expense of books and supplies.

We believe that the books would be better cared for, being under the care and control of the teacher, and it would also avoid the necessity of scholars having to wait several weeks after school began for books and other much needed supplies.

To be sure, there is some disadvantages to the free text book system ; some parents would prefer to have their

children have their own books, so they could have them to peruse at their leisure ; but, we think, there is more to be gained than lost by the state passing the law.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Although the amount of money appropriated for schools in this town has been increased from time to time, we think it is still insufficient for the District needs. We think that an appropriation of five thousand dollars should be made. This sum would enable the Committee to continue all of the schools in town at least thirty weeks, and the High and Grammar thirty-six weeks.

At the opening of the Spring term of the Primary school at Upper Ashuelot it was evident that another teacher and another school room was needed as there were upwards of seventy scholars with only seats for forty-two. Arrangements were made for the hall over the school rooms, and Miss M. L. Davis employed as teacher. She kept the Spring and Fall term. At Lower Ashuelot there is also necessity for more school room. The District owns the building and there is a nice hall in the building, and the Committee would suggest that another room be fitted up and a Grammar school started, taking the most advanced scholars from both the Upper and Lower villages.

COURSE OF STUDY.

One of the great wants of our schools is a regular, prescribed and systematic course of study. Not in the High school only, but in all our schools from the Primary up, and the course should be strictly adhered to.

VENTILATION.

We would like to say much on the ventilation and sanitary condition of the school house, but so needful are these matters, that we will simply say, that something should be done, and that right away in these regards. The health of the child should be looked after as well as its education.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

There will be a public examination of teachers at the High school room on Saturday, April 7, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The law requires that all intending to teach shall procure from the Committee a certificate of qualification. It is to be hoped there will be a full attendance of teachers, thus saving time and trouble, both to themselves and the Committee.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee have labored for the advancement of our educational interests, and have often met for consultation and business, devoting much time to the consideration of school matters. Whatever have been our mistakes (for we do not claim to be perfect or infallible), we have earnestly and conscientiously labored for what we believed the best interests of the schools. It is no small matter to look after and supervise the education of six hundred children, and secure for them the proper teachers, the most suitable text books and comfortable school accommodations.

We respect our laws and institutions. We deem them wise and beneficent, designed to promote the interests of the many as well as the interests of the few.

What we most need is a quiet, determined perseverance under the present system to secure to future generations, in proper ratio, the advantages which have so signalized us in the past. Changes are a bane to success. They bring discontent, confusion, and loss of force which should be applied to a better purpose. There is no royal road which leads up to the pinnacle of wisdom.

The way, though difficult and hard, is inviting; but he who would travel thitherward as a devoted pilgrim must not shun toil and anxious striving, to obtain this prize more precious than gold. Let us imitate the virtues and heroism of the fathers, who laid the foundations of this great Republic so nobly and so well upon the corner-stone of education.

May the sacrifices which they so nobly and so willingly made, and the cause of education, which they so much sought for the sake of liberty and justice, be ever near to every true American heart.

CHARLES J. FOSGATE,
ALBERT H. TAFT,
HOSEA W. BRIGHAM,

Board of Education.

Winchester, N. H., March 1, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE TOWN,
ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

1887.

Apr.	30.	Miss Cora F. Butler,	\$40 00
May	4.	Miss Jennie L. Weeks,	7 00
	4.	Mr. Geo. Sherman,	60 00
	7.	Miss Dora E. Swan,	50 00
	14.	Miss Emma F. Pickering,	25 00
	21.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	35 00
	21.	Miss M. Grace Ball,	25 00
	21.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	20 00
June	3.	Mrs. N. Maria Snow,	20 00
	4.	Geo. Sherman,	25 00
	4.	Miss Annie Hosford,	5 00
	10.	Miss Mattie B. Clark,	81 00
	14.	Miss M. Lizziette Davis,	38 50
	15.	Miss Eva V. Davis,	65 00
	17.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	35 00
	17.	Miss Jennie L. Weeks,	28 00
	17.	Miss M. Grace Ball,	7 20
	18.	Miss Annie Hosford,	23 00
	18.	Miss Emma F. Pickering,	25 00

June	18.	Miss Margaret Miller,	\$55 00
	23.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	35 00
	24.	Miss Sarah E. Osgood,	30 00
	24.	Miss Dora E. Swan,	30 00
	24.	Miss Bertha S. Sprague,	55 00
	24.	Miss Annie K. Hosford,	25 00
	25.	Miss Josephine M. Alexander,	60 00
	25.	Mrs. N. Maria Snow,	60 00
	25.	Miss Cora S. Morse,	120 00
	25.	Geo. Sherman,	204 83
	28.	Miss Cora F. Butler,	68 00
	28.	Miss Sarah Osgood,	25 00
July	1.	Miss Nettie E. Fuller,	50 00
	5.	Mrs. Cora B. Rixford,	55 00
	11.	Miss M. Grace Ball,	1 20
	28.	Mrs. Minnie P. Partridge,	55 00
Sept.	22.	Miss Emma F. Pickering,	10 00
	24.	John G. Thompson,	100 00
	26.	Miss Cora S. Morse,	40 00
	31.	Miss Dora E. Swan,	32 00
Oct.	3.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	10 00
	8.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	20 00
	10.	Miss Annie K. Hosford,	25 00
	15.	Miss M. Grace Ball,	48 00
	22.	Mr. John G. Thompson,	100 00
	22.	Miss Cora S. Morse,	40 00
	25.	Miss M. Lillian Lewis,	20 00
Nov.	1.	Miss Daisy Leonard,	10 00
	8.	Miss M. Grace Ball,	24 00
	9.	Miss Sarah E. Osgood,	49 50
	11.	Miss Nettie E. Fuller,	55 00
	12.	Miss Eva V. Davis,	70 00
	12.	Miss M. L. Davis,	60 00

Nov.	12.	Miss Emma F. Pickering,	\$40 00
	12.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	50 00
	14.	Miss Mattie B. Clark,	90 00
	14.	Mrs. Cora B. Rixford,	55 00
	19.	Miss M. Lillian Lewis,	35 00
	19.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	60 00
	19.	Mr. John G. Thompson,	83 33
	21.	Miss Ella L. Gates,	56 10
	21.	Miss Cora S. Morse,	40 00
	21.	Miss Emma S. Putnam,	30 00
	21.	Miss May B. Thompson,	55 00
	21.	Miss Dora E. Swan,	48 00
	21.	Miss Ellen M. Davis,	38 50
	22.	Miss Daisy E. Leonard,	98 00
	23.	Miss M. Grace Ball,	8 00
	26.	Miss Mary L. Read,	60 00
Dec.	16.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	20 00
	19.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	10 00
	19.	Miss Emma F. Pickering,	20 00
	20.	Miss Cora S. Morse,	34 00
	21.	John G. Thompson,	100 00
	30.	Miss Mattie B. Clark,	36 00
1888.			
Jan.	11.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	10 00
	14.	Miss Sarah E. Osgood,	49 50
	23.	Mr. John G. Thompson,	100 00
	27.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	10 00
	30.	Miss Emma S. Putnam,	40 00
Feb.	4.	Mrs. Cora B. Rixford,	55 00
	4.	Miss Ellen M. Davis,	45 00
	4.	Miss M. Lillian Lewis,	49 50
	6.	Miss Nellie M. Seaver,	44 00
	8.	Miss Eva V. Davis,	70 00

Feb.	11.	Mr. Elmer G. Fosgate,	\$54 00
	14.	Miss Emma F. Pickering,	60 00
	17.	Miss Susie P. Pierce,	40 00
	18.	Miss M. Annie Merriam,	80 00
	18.	Miss Julia T. Bliss,	50 00
	24.	Miss Mattie B. Clark,	80 00
Mar.	1.	Miss Nettie E. Fuller,	44 00
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CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

1887.

May	4.	Frank J. Gale, care of house No. 3,	\$10 00
	26.	Mrs. L. G. Willis, cleaning house in No. 13,	2 00
	28.	Frank J. Gale, care of house No. 3,	10 00
June	10.	Henry Dunn, " No. 2,	2 00
	24.	Maria J. DeBell, " No. 8,	1 50
	25.	Arthur M. Mowry, " No. 5,	2 50
July	1.	Jessie P. Rixford, " No. 9,	1 50
	6.	Frank J. Gale, " No. 3,	10 00
	6.	Amos B. Atherton, " No. 20,	1 50
Sept.	5.	Mrs. L. Misner, " No. 3,	12 75
	15.	John Donovan, for cleaning house No. 2,	8 00
	24.	Elmer Stetson, care of house No. 3,	10 00
Oct.	25.	Elmer Stetson, " No. 3,	10 00
Nov.	21.	A. H. Taft, " No. 2,	9 00
	22.	Amos B. Atherton, " No. 20,	1 50
Dec.	5.	Jessie P. Rixford, " No. 9,	3 00
	8.	Elmer Stetson, " No. 3,	10 75
	22.	Elmer Stetson, " No. 3,	10 00

1888.

Jan.	14.	Sarah E. Osgood, care house No. 8,	3 00
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Feb.	2.	Elmer Stetson, care of house No. 3,	\$10 00
	6.	Willie F. Hammond, " No. 20,	2 75
	7.	Eugene R. Boyce, " No. 1,	5 80
	9.	Robert R. Beals, " No. 4,	2 00
	11.	Leander Gonyou, " No. 2,	10 00
	14.	Daniel R. Pickett, " No. 21,	7 00
	14.	Daniel R. Pickett, for cleaning house No. 21,	2 50
	18.	Chas. Jackson, cleaning stove pipe No. 6,	1 00
	17.	C. S. Baker, for cleaning house No. 16,	2 00
	17.	C. S. Baker, for cleaning outbuild- ing No. 16,	1 00
	17.	C. S. Baker, for care of house No. 16,	2 50
	25.	Elmer Stetson, care of house No. 3,	10 00
	27.	Geo. W. Thompson, care of house No. 10,	9 00
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FUEL.

1887.

Apr.	19.	S. Eugene Wilder,	wood No. 8,	\$2 50
	27.	Leon O. Davis,	" No. 2,	19 50
July	6.	Amos B. Atherton,	" No. 20,	1 50
	9.	C. W. Thompson,	" No. 9,	10 00
Aug.	25.	Ellery L. Verry,	" No. 5,	10 00
Sept.	10.	S. Eugene Wilder,	" No. 8,	10 00
Nov.	21.	A. H. Taft,	" No. 2,	1 00
	22.	Amos B. Atherton,	" No. 20,	3 25
Dec.	4.	Amos B. Atherton,	" No. 20,	2 50
	8.	I. C. Perham,	" No. 3,	13 00
	8.	I. C. Perham,	" No. 20,	3 00

Dec.	8.	I. C. Perham,	wood No. 4,	\$3 00
	10.	John Hutchins,	coal No. 3,	96 57
	16.	C. W. Thompson,	wood No. 10,	10 00
1888.				
Jan.	6.	C. M. Norwood,	wood No. 3,	6 75
	27.	I. C. Perham,	" No. 20,	3 00
	31.	Henry Ripley,	" No. 4,	4 75
	31.	Chas. Foster,	" No. 21,	2 50
Feb.	6.	Charles B. Mansfield,	" No. 21,	4 50
	6.	Jerome B. Cass,	" No. 4,	9 00
	7.	Eugene R. Boyce,	" No. 1,	9 00
	11.	Leander Gonyou, shavings and kind-		
		lings,		1 00
	14.	Daniel R. Pickett, cutting wood,		3 00
	17.	C. S. Baker,	wood No. 16,	12 55
	27.	Geo. W. Thompson,	" No. 10,	2 00
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				\$243 87

REPAIRS.

1887.				
Aug.	25.	Ellery L. Verry,	work on No. 5,	\$5 75
Sept.	13.	Chas. J. Fosgate,	work on No. 5,	20 00
	13.	Chas. J. Fosgate, cash paid freight,		9 75
	13.	Chas. J. Fosgate, paid for work,		2 50
	13.	Chas. J. Fosgate, miscellaneous work,		4 35
	16.	Alvin W. Nason,	painting No. 5,	34 82
	17.	E. E. Stimson,	work on No. 5,	14 70.
	17.	E. E. Stimson,	work on No. 13,	3 00
	21.	H. W. Brigham,	windows, No. 5,	12 60
Oct.	3.	C. H. Jackson,	work on No. 5,	107 09
	3.	C. H. Jackson,	work on No. 13,	8 60
	5.	C. J. Fosgate, work, and cash paid		
		out on No. 5,		17 93

Oct.	12.	E. L. Verry,	work on No. 5,	\$2 50
	20.	Akley & Briggs,	brick for No. 5,	8 75
Nov.	21.	A. H. Taft,	for repairs on No.2,	1 50
Dec.	5.	Taylor & Stebbins,	repairs, No. 5,	25 38
	5.	Taylor & Stebbins,	" 3,	12 13
	5.	Taylor & Stebbins,	" 8,	45
	5.	H. V. Prime,	" 5,	4 00
	20.	Grand Rapids School Co.,	desks for	
		No. 5.		94 00
	20.	H. M. Wiswall,	chairs,	6 00
1888.				
Jan.	31.	Henry Ripley,	repairing house No. 4,	3 25
Feb.	7.	Eugene R. Boyce,	damper for stove,	
		No. 1,		10
	14.	Daniel R. Pickett,	repairs on house,	
		No. 21,		2 00
	17.	C. S. Baker,	repairs on house No. 16,	5 50
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				\$407 98

SUPPLIES.

1887.

Apr.	22.	B. P. H. Randall,	clock,	\$2 00
	22.	B. P. H. Randall,	bill,	15
June	22.	W. H. Guernsey,	crayons,	53
	25.	W. H. Spalter,	ink,	4 80
	25.	Arthur N. Mowry,	broom, pail, dipper,	63
July	19.	Dr. G. W. Pierce,	chemicals,	94

1888.

Feb.	13.	James H. Bliss,	pails, brooms etc.,	88
	17.	C. S. Baker,	water pail,	20
	26.	John Hutchins,	pails, dippers, etc.,	6 33
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				\$16 46

INCIDENTALS.

1887.

June	3.	O. D. Carr & Co., blackboard,	\$4 68
	7.	Akron Co., High school diplomas,	15 00
	9.	Chas. D. Seaver, pump,	12 00
	25.	Cora S. Morse, deportment cards,	1 00.
July	11.	John F. Field, carrying scholars,	25 00
	11.	A. M. Howard, tables,	8 00
	28.	John Burk, cleaning outbuildings,	2 00
Sept.	16.	Alvin W. Nason, painting blackboard and papering,	4 00
Oct.	4.	G. H. Putnam, music for graduating exercises,	4 50
Nov.	21.	Cora S. Morse, deportment cards,	1 00

1888.

Jan.	4.	W. L. Streeter, courses of study,	4 25
	24.	H. E. Lake, use of organ,	7 50
Feb.	16.	L. W. Goss, rent of hall for No. 2,	15 00
	18.	Miss M. Annie Merriam, fare from Keene and return,	80
	18.	Mrs. Louise Watson, carrying schol- ars,	5 00
	18.	John F. Field, carrying scholars,	6 75
	21.	W. H. Guernsey, books,	3 50
Mar.	1.	Cash paid Selectmen for money the town paid N. D. Safford for clean- ing cellar under school house in No. 3,	5 50
	1.	Cash paid E. Wilbur, carrying schol- ars,	12 25

 \$137 73

BOOKS.

1887.

May	27.	Ellen L. Albee, books for boy at S. W. Buffum's,	\$1 98
June	22.	W. H. Guernsey, books,	3 02
Dec.	2.	W. H. Guernsey, books and paper, W. H. Guernsey,	94 3 50
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OLD BILLS.

1887.

Feb.	26.	John Hutchins, repairing pump,	\$5 40
	26.	George C. Snow, record book,	2 00
Mar.	5.	Cora F. Butler, assistant of high school,	58 00
	5.	Cora S. Morse, teaching grammar department,	40 00
	5.	Geo. Sherman, principal high school,	133 33
	5.	Jasper A. Gale, for carrying scholars, and care of school house,	32 00
	7.	Granville Wardwell, paper for No. 3,	1 20
	9.	Taylor & Stebbins, supplies,	2 44
	9.	E. S. Adams, carrying his scholar,	22 50
	12.	A. H. Taft, care of house in Nos. 6 and 2,	5 00
	24.	Chas. J. Fosgate, care of house in No. 10,	3 00
	25.	Cora B. Rixford, teaching in No. 10,	55 00
June	4.	John A. Powers, for rent of recita- tion room,	40 00
July	11.	A. M. Howard, blackboard,	5 00
			<hr/> \$404 87

MONEY RECEIVED.

Appropriated by the town,	\$4,500 00
Appropriated by the district,	300 00
Literary fund,	325 12
Dog tax,	182 50
Cash on hand,	369 80
Tuition scholars,	11 75
Cash of James R. Ware, windows sold,	1 75
Cash of Joel Fosgate, balance of school house,	8 00
Cash of Henry Manning, for school house,	5 50
Cash of Nickerson, from bequest,	4 40
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	\$5,708 83

RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS.

Salaries of teachers,	\$4,204 16
Repairs of school houses,	407 98
Old bills,	404 87
Fuel,	243 87
Care of school houses,	183 05
Incidentals,	137 73
Supplies,	16 46
Books,	9 44
Cash on hand,	100 27
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	\$5,708 83

HOSEA W. BRIGHAM,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

At the last annual meeting, a vote was passed directing the board of Fire Wardens to make investigation in regard to the feasibility of locating two or more water tanks within the limits of the Center village for fire purposes.

This duty has been attended to, and the majority of the board have considered favorably two locations; one in the limits of the highway near the barn of A. M. Howard, where a supply of water can be secured from a waste pipe of running water from said barn, and accommodate the probable needs of the region near the house of Henry Gould on the north, and the section near the Methodist church on the south.

Another near the corner of Park and Parker streets, which could be supplied by a waste pipe from the house of R. W. Leith, or from the roof of the house of Dr. Evans, either supply being thought sufficient. As to the expense, an estimate made by a practical mason consulted, placed the cost of a cistern which he would guarantee under bond to give satisfaction, exclusive of cost of excavation, on the basis of a sum not to exceed fifty dollars for each cistern of a capacity of nearly 6,000 gallons, or ten feet in depth, and the same in diameter, he furnishing all materials. Any further details in our possession will be cheerfully furnished if desired.

Attention is called to an awkward dilemma found to exist during the last year, the result of the disproportion of appropriation to the contingent expenses of the fire department, the pay of the firemen alone (one company in the Center district, and two in the Ashuelot district) amounting to double the aggregate of appropriation for *all* expenses. The matter was adjusted through a consultation of the board of Fire Wardens and board of Selectmen, the decision being to draw on confidence.

In view of the fact referred to in that discussion, of the extra protection afforded in the Ashuelot district, by the laying of pipes and the erection of hydrants recently, at an expense of \$350, the maintenance of more than one company there is deemed a matter of very doubtful expediency.

In former years the compensation of firemen in addition to the sum allowed by law has been some stated price per hour of actual service at fires, and has been less costly than the method adopted the past year, as well as securing fully as good service.

The past year has been one of unusual immunity from destructive fires.

In order to secure better protection at and near the mills in the Center district, we have thought proper to incur a portion of the expense of resetting the force pump in the possession of the mill owners in a more convenient locality, and where much better power is secured, and we are much pleased with the result. The same pump can be utilized to force water to a high point on the hill to be used with hydrants in all parts of the village without power whenever the town wishes to incur the expense of the same.

We would call the attention of the town to the subject of the tramp house, as an element of danger to the engine house, from its near proximity to the same, rendering the fire risk undesirable to any insurance company, and we would respectfully suggest its removal.

We would recommend the appropriation of \$250 for the purchase of hose, in addition to whatever sum is raised for current expenses.

We would recommend also the disposal of the sled once built for the use of the engine, as being impracticable and occupying needed space.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. HASKELL.

Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHES- TER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1, 1887,	\$21 53
Fines and catalogues,	17 18
Trustees of 1886,	3 20
Town appropriation,	300 00
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	\$341 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., for books,	\$120 55
D. Appleton & Co., cyclopedia of American Biography,	18 00
Geo. H. Davenport, for Logan's Great Conspir- acy,	4 50
Sherman Pub. Co., Naval History of Civil War,	4 90
Life of Beecher,	2 40
J. A. Powers, rent to April 1, 1888,	40 00
Jennie L. Weeks, Librarian,	10 00
Minnie L. Howard, Librarian to April 1, 1888,	40 00
H. Abbott, insurance,	20 00
W. H. Guernsey, paper for covers,	4 50
W. H. Spalter, binding books presented by F. Weeks,	5 50

W. H. Spalter, binding fifty volumes,	\$18 40
A. M. Howard, shelves,	1 30
E. C. Hildreth, shelves,	7 50
Geo. W. Pierce, wood,	1 38
Geo. W. Randall, wood,	3 59
N. D. Safford, drawing wood,	50
Mrs. Mizner, cleaning,	30
F. R. Peters, repairs on clock,	75
Geo. F. Howard, cartage,	35
Oil, paper, etc.,	1 33
Trustees for services,	15 00
Express and freight,	3 70
Cash in bank, March 1,	17 46
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	\$341 91

Dr. J. L. Alexander, a well known native and former resident of Winchester, has shown his continued interest in its welfare by a donation of two hundred and two books to the Library the past year. We hope that a Library with reading room and other conveniences will at no distant day be among the privileges which our citizens may enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. BUFFUM,
J. GRACE ALEXANDER,
ROSETTA P. ADAMS,

Trustees.

Winchester, N. H., March 1, 1888.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester.

Gentlemen :—The Board of Health, as appointed by you, respectfully submit the following report of the matters under their charge during the time they have served.

The Board was organized in July, in consequence of a petition submitted to the Selectmen, asking for the appointment of such a body. This Board, as originally appointed, consisted of A. H. Taft, M. D., W. L. R. Felch and William F. Flint, but Mr. Felch, finding that he could not attend to duties of the Board without interference with his other business, resigned, and Dr. Geo. W. Peirce was appointed in his place.

The first matter to come before the Board was the unsanitary condition of the brook at Ashuelot, which runs by H. H. Pratt's house ; and, also, almost at the same time, the unsanitary conditions existing in and around the High school building in the village of Winchester.

We found upon inspection and study of the ground that only radical measures would answer, and, therefore, took pains to make surveys for the proper drainage and permanent remedy of these places, and placed specifications in the hands of the Selectmen ; but, although the powers of the Board of Health are very great and far

reaching, they are not authorized to build public sewers, and as the Selectmen did not feel justified in assuming the cost without a vote of the town instructing them to construct these sewers and drains, we have been obliged to see these places remain a constant menace to the health of the community during the year.

Various complaints of public nuisances and unsanitary conditions in both Winchester and Ashuelot villages have been made to us, and have received our attention. We find the greatest obstacle in the way of better sanitary conditions is the want of public sewers. In Winchester village, in addition to the school house drain, there should be a sewer leading down the street from the top of the hill near the residence of the late Martin Baker, down by Mr. Alonzo Scott's and Mrs. Gregory's to the river, and in like manner one in the next street to the north. The selectmen have laid several rods of sewer in the main street of Ashuelot. This should be continued by continuing the line to the brook which runs by H. H. Pratt's house, and then said brook should be piped, with proper provision for overflow, so that it will flush the line through the main street. These public works will be costly, but the Board believe that it will be cheaper to spend money enough so the work can be properly done at the beginning. Then it will be possible for the property owners along these lines to so attach the drainage from their houses that the wastes therefrom will be conducted away without engendering contagion.

We find very unsatisfactory conditions existing among the houses occupied by the factory operatives at Ashuelot, and regard the sickness and death there, of which the town has had to bear the burden and expense, as caused by it. We have done what we could to remedy it, and

having condemned the house where most of it existed, we hold the owners of the property responsible under the laws for any future outbreak of the kind.

But before any permanent results can be attained the public sewers are necessary. We are well aware that the laws give us full power to correct each individual nuisance at the expense of the property owner; but, upon examination, we have found that in order to do any lasting good the public must do its part. Therefore, we have preferred to be as forbearing as possible, believing that when the facts are brought before the people at their annual meeting, they will unhesitatingly vote to raise the money needed to construct the sewers and whatever else may be needed. We have kept a record of all our transactions, which we design as a part of the town records, and in closing this report, we ask that you spare no pains to set these matters before the town in their proper light, for it is well understood that a proper attention to sanitary matters is imperatively necessary to the life and well being of every community.

GEO. W. PEIRCE,
A. H. TAFT,
WILLIAM F. FLINT,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

OF WINCHESTER, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

In justice to ourselves, as well as for the information of the town, we desire to make a few explanations and suggestions in regard to our transactions the past year.

As assessors, we have felt some embarrassment in consequence of precedents that had been established by our predecessors in office.

It appears that, for reasons probably satisfactory to themselves, the assessors for two years previous to our term of office did not regard it necessary to conform to the laws enacted by the state for the guidance of assessors in two important particulars at least: we refer to the law in regard to a sworn statement of all property liable to taxation to be furnished by each and every inhabitant, "Who upon due enquiry by such selectmen or assessors they shall have good cause to believe is liable to be taxed therein for any real or personal estate or property" (General Laws of N. H. chapter 55, section 10).

From an examination of the returns as filed in the Selectmen's office for the two years referred to, as well as from the statements made to us by the inhabitants of

the town, we are compelled to believe that in a large majority of cases this law has been made conspicuous by its disregard.

The other case to which we refer is the provision in regard to the non-assessment of a poll tax upon disabled soldiers who have filed a copy of their pension papers with the Selectmen previous to the time of assessment. We found that very few to whom the law applies had conformed to its provisions, but the assessors had in the past indiscriminately granted the benefit to all who claimed it, without regard to the record of complying with its conditions. As precedent, in the minds of many, is superior to law, the enforcement of the law, to which we were bound both by our oaths and consciences, necessarily engendered hard feelings and much opposition.

We have also in the past year thought it our duty to make some changes in the appraisal of real estate; from the best of our knowledge and belief, the property in the village had, in consequence of a much larger demand, increased in valuation, while the farm property on the hills had generally depreciated from various causes. We make no claim of perfection in equality of our assessment, but only as having made an effort toward correcting the most conspicuous inequalities, and believe there is need of more work in the same line.

A review of the figures of the disbursements will show anybody of average intelligence that the present board of Selectmen are perfectly competent to deal with the question of "a dangerous surplus" which is troubling the General Government, and about which so much is said in the papers. The money raised by taxation the present year was about \$16,500, and the disbursements were, in round numbers, \$26,670, the most of it as you

directed, but a portion according to our own judgment as to what the public needs required. We have no desire to conceal anything in connection with this large expenditure. We are well aware that a small per cent. has been wasted so far as the public good is concerned, but we have labored to prevent as much waste as possible, and, perhaps, with average success.

The highways have taken an unusually large amount the present year; both summer and winter have been almost unprecedentedly hard seasons for keeping the roads in good condition. We have also built a new bridge across Broad brook at lower Ashuelot and widened the road near the same place at considerable cost. These two jobs were not authorized by a vote of the town, and of course no money was raised or appropriated therefor, but in our judgment the public safety and convenience imperatively demanded the outlay, and we have no excuse or apology to make for our action.

We have also by the urgent representations of the Board of Health, supplemented by much other evidence brought to our knowledge, laid a public sewer at the upper village of Ashuelot, which has cost quite a large sum, which was also unauthorized by the town. These three jobs were all done under the personal supervision of Mr. L. W. Burt, the agent we had employed to take care of the roads in that section, and we take pleasure in saying and believing that the town has received a full equivalent for every dollar that was expended; that the safety and health of the community demanded the work, which was honestly and efficiently done.

In this connection we also wish to state that we have not considered it our duty to do *all* that the Board of Health have requested of us. By referring to their re-

port it will be seen that there are other sewers which they think are necessary, and which they requested that we should undertake the past year. While not disputing their judgment as to the necessity therefor, we did question our authority to run the town in debt to an amount which would have been necessary to carry out their plans. We have put an article in the warrant under which the money can be raised, and the Board of Health will make their report to the town meeting, to which we respectfully commit the whole subject, which is one worthy of your serious and earnest attention.

The matter of the town's poor is one which claims the attention of the town. The bills for the support of the poor have been large the past year, although not so large as in the previous year. A very large per cent. of the cost of the county poor came from the sickness of two large families at Ashuelot, and which must undoubtedly be attributed to the unsanitary condition of the premises upon which they lived and for which they paid rent. The present Board of Overseers are convinced that a change of management in the care of the poor would be advantageous to the public interests. We believe it would be economy to buy or hire a place where the poor could be moved in case of need, than to assist all at their usual place of residence. Among the items under the head of town paupers are quite an amount which we have felt should be refunded to the town by those that are fully understood by the general public to be morally responsible for the cause of the aid rendered. We have used our best efforts in seeking a legal remedy for the wrong, but owing to defective laws have not succeeded, and our appeals to conscience and manhood have been misdirected. There remains only the penalty which always should,

and doubtless will, attach to the gross violation of all the rules of a decent and healthy public sentiment, which men with any claims to good citizenship fear more than the penalties of the statute law.

Among other matters for which we do not hold ourselves in any degree responsible, is the large deficiency in the fire department, and to which we would respectfully call the attention of the town; we have reason to suppose that the voters generally were in ignorance of the magnificence and grandeur of Winchester's paid fire department, when the appropriations were made at the last annual meeting. In fact, we suppose that no other town or city in the state has so many paid firemen enrolled as has this town; and the appropriation for all the expenses of the department was the magnificent sum of *three hundred dollars!* As the town voted to pay each fireman five dollars for his services, and as seventy men reported as enrolled at Ashuelot, and fifty-six at the Center village, the pay of the firemen alone amounted to more than double the sum raised for whole fire department, to say nothing of contingent expenses. We would respectfully suggest that the town take measures to either cut down the number of their paid firemen, or to increase the appropriation to something near the amount which will be required.

There are several important matters that will be brought before the town for their action at the coming annual meeting. There are two bridges across the river that are considered by competent judges to be unsafe for public travel, and therefore need immediate attention. We have considered it our duty as agents of the town, to get what information we could in regard to them, but

we have no recommendations as to what action should be taken.

The question of better accommodations for the public in the way of more ample room for a hall, public library, and town office is still pressing, and needs the earnest attention of the voters. There is now no town debt, the last of the town bonds having been paid the present fiscal year; taxes in the town have been considerably lower for the past five years than the average of the towns in state; population is increasing faster, probably, than at any other time in the history of the town; and a liberal appropriation towards needed public improvements ought to be sustained and encouraged by all patriotic citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. MORSE,

C. E. SLATE,

D. H. THOMPSON,

Selectmen of Winchester.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF WINCHESTER, N. H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

INVENTORY.

665 polls,	\$66,500 00
Land and buildings,	832,241 00
393 horses,	28,826 00
144 oxen,	10,197 00
659 cows,	14,945 00
279 neat stock,	5,883 00
372 sheep,	1,303 00
44 hogs,	342 00
44 carriages,	3,340 00
Stock in public funds,	4,400 00
Stock in banks and corporations,	80,000 00
Stock in corporations out of the State,	4,000 00
Surplus capital of banks,	27,888 00
Money on hand and at interest,	75,337 00
Stock in trade,	156,178 00
Mills and machinery,	82,200 00
Buildings not designated,	16,885 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$1,432,065 00

Exempted from taxation,	\$21,600 00
Total amount of property assessed,	<u>\$1,418,465 00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS AND MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION.

State tax,	\$2,580 00
County tax,	2,319 64
Schools,	4,500 00
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00
Ordinary town charges, including town officers,	500 00
Town paupers,	1,500 00
Fire department,	300 00
Library,	300 00
Care of Evergreen cemetery,	150 00
Enlarging Evergreen cemetery,	1,000 00
Town history,	100 00
Cemeteries out of village,	50 00
Cemetery near J. Fosgate's fencing,	50 00
School house repairs,	300 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	50 00
Dog tax,	181 00
Overlay,	590 00
	<u>\$16,470 64</u>
Committed to Collector,	16,672 90

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1887,	\$1,767 78
Money in hands of Collector, March 1, 1887,	139 28
Rec'd for county pauper claim, April term,	318 82
County pauper claim, October term,	842 95
Old engine house,	25 00
Money borrowed,	1,500 00
Railroad tax,	58 71
Savings bank tax,	2,137 64
Literary fund,	463 24
Borrowed Winchester National Bank,	1,000 00
Borrowed Security Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Old fence at cemetery, near J. Fosgate's,	1 50
L. F. Webster, sheep killed by dogs,	50 00
Robertson Bros., part payment on drain,	22 50
Mrs. R. B. Hammond, for drain tile,	15 75
W. L. Rixford, license on pool table,	3 33
— Godding, license on pool table,	10 00
N. E. Stevens, drain tile,	7 80
Wm. M. Baker, fees received from sheriff,	3 00
Town of Troy, discount on Mrs. Daniels, bill,	4 95
Irene Felt's sisters, pay for casket,	22 00
Levi Saben, Collector, on taxes abated last year,	7 07
Levi Saben, Collector, interest on old taxes,	2 98
G. H. Snow, rent of town hall,	74 50
Seldon Peirce, license for pool table,	3 00
Levi Saben, Collector, taxes 1886,	37
E. Winter, license on pool table,	10 00
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	\$10,492 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid W. H. Spalter, books for Collector,	\$ 9 85
C. E. Slate, expenses to Keene and stationery,	3 23
A. H. Taft, printing for Board of Health,	4 25
J. H. Manning, public water,	1 50
Mrs. D. A. Chapin, public water,	1 50
Taylor & Stebbins, goods for town,	4 15
W. H. Guernsey, books and stationery,	2 65
C. Slate, expenses to settle with Commissioners,	1 05
S. M. Morse, expenses to Keene and cash paid witnesses,	6 25
A. H. Taft, recording births and deaths,	9 00
C. D. Seaver, work on water works,	1 00
W. F. Sanders, chair for town office,	1 50
C. W. Dockrill, care of street lamps,	3 00
J. F. Field, public water,	3 00
Geo. W. Bullock, public water,	3 00
S. M. Morse, cash paid for postage stamps, etc.,	4 40
Wright Wood, goods for town,	8 43
Daniel F. Smith, public water,	2 00
C. P. Lawrence, “	3 00
E. F. Stimpson, work on water tub,	3 00
James R. Ware, public water,	3 00
L. F. Buffum, “	3 00
W. S. Leonard, recording births,	4 00
O. C. Burt, care and repair of street lamps,	21 25

Paid B. F. Howe, oil for street lights, etc.,	\$2 85
Geo. W. Peirce, registering births and deaths,	6 25
Total,	<hr/> \$116 11

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Wm. Higginson, labor on highway,	\$7 99
Frank Swiner, breaking roads, etc.,	8 90
M. Forbush, breaking roads March, 1887,	2 50
Frank Carlton, breaking roads March, 1887,	2 94
E. Alexander, freight on drain tile, etc.,	5 69
Charles Wise, work on drain in village,	2 50
Henry L. Stetson, road agent,	84 40
D. H. Thompson, road agent,	77 10
G. L. Kendrick, road agent,	96 00
E. W. Baker, road agent,	356 23
H. B. Swan, road agent,	55 10
Henry W. Rixford,	29 08
George W. Bullock,	39 73
L. W. Burt, road agent at lower Ashuelot, including bridge,	618 50
J. H. Manning, road agent,	50 25
L. C. Lyman, road agent,	110 55
C. E. Slate, planking bridges,	20 00
J. B. Cass,	112 90
Charles Wheeler, labor on highway,	6 40
J. H. Bolton, road agent,	98 28
N. D. Safford, work on highway,	123 00
Amos B. Atherton, road agent,	38 14
George W. Combs, road agent,	23 76
H. W. Smith, work on highway,	69 00
Amos A. Putnam, road agent,	67 74

Paid E. S. Adams, road agent,	\$63 42
E. S. Adams, breaking roads, 1888,	9 25
A. H. Taft, railing,	8 16
Bradley Rixford, road agent,	50 15
Charles Jackson, work on highway,	12 25
J. F. Howard, freight on drain pipe,	9 86
C. H. Jackson, painting and repairing bridge,	14 25
C. W. Thompson, road agent,	66 64
E. A. Kingman, “	80 50
E. C. Harder, repairs on scraper,	5 00
Edward Fosgate, road agent,	10 20
E. W. Bent, repairs on scraper,	5 75
Walter E. Saben, road agent,	5 00
L. W. Seaver, work on highway,	2 25
Taylor & Stebbins, powder, nails and cement,	5 97
Geo. Tyler & Co., blades for scrapers,	16 00
Asa C. Lewis, shoveling snow and labor on road,	4 10
Wason Manufacturing Co., grates and cast- ings for sewer at Ashuelot,	12 87
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, road agents,	38 95
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, plank,	22 00
Worden, Jones & Co., drain tile for Ash- uelot sewer,	85 91
Spencer & Co., drain tile,	185 48
Charles Wheeler, breaking roads 1888,	5 15
Lyman Putnam, “ “	4 88
C. D. Willis, working on road,	6 75
G. W. Combs, breaking roads,	97
W. H. Jennings, “	5 65

Paid J. H. Bliss, oil and lead for painting bridge,	\$7 94
Daniel Duggan, damage to land for winter road,	3 00
J. R. Holman, bolts for bridge,	5 50
George C. Bancroft, breaking roads,	7 20
W. J. Hunt, shoveling snow,	4 05
George L. Kendrick, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	15 45
H. W. Rixford, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	17 16
H. L. Stetson, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	14 30
F. P. Carlton, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	8 93
Charles G. Rixford, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	7 83
James P. Putnam, breaking roads and plank for bridges,	13 77
Ansel Dickinson, lumber for bridge at Ashuelot,	113 11
Ansel Dickinson, plank for bridge and shoveling snow,	74 28
L. C. Lyman, breaking roads,	7 40
Elijah B. Willard, labor on highway,	8 19
I. C. Perham, breaking roads,	3 50
J. B. Cass, “	4 71
Asa C. Lewis, “	1 50
D. H. Thompson, fence posts,	5 20
E. W. Barker, repairing scraper and irons for bridge,	6 45
G. C. Snow, work on highway, road agent,	15 58
Daniel Berry, breaking roads,	2 00

Paid Charles Jackson, breaking roads,	\$1 00
E. A. Kingman, “	6 00
J. H. Manning, breaking roads and snow- ing bridge,	6 50
G. H. Hutchins, putting up bridge signs,	50
Frank Swiner, snowing bridge at Fuller dam,	3 00
John Dougherty, shoveling snow,	3 60
Alvin Kempton, work on the highway,	6 50
Edward O. Smith, breaking out sidewalk,	7 50
C. W. Thompson, breaking roads and snow- ing bridge,	14 05
D. C. Stearns, breaking roads,	4 64
D. H. Thompson, “	11 60
George H. Perry, “	5 25
A. A. Putnam, “	3 00
Fred H. Field, “	1 50
George H. Doolittle, breaking sidewalks,	6 00
James T. Burnap, “	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$3,274 43

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Diantha DeBell for Mary DeBell,	\$16 50
Edwin Snow, for Taft children,	45 74
Mrs. H. Doolittle, “	80 00
George I. Cutler, medical services for Taft children,	3 00
George W. Peirce, medical services for Taft children,	
Joel Fosgate, support of Mrs. Calvin Doo- little,	89 75
A. F. Gardner, board and nursing Eva Hammond,	4 00

Paid Dr. Hill, medical services Eva Hammond,	\$23 00
Mrs. Annis Warner, board and nursing	
Eva Hammond,	28 28
Mrs. Orrin Brewer, board Eva Hammond,	47 57
Mrs. G. Thayer, “ “	24 00
G. W. Peirce, “ “	
E. L. Roberts, “ “	
W. E. Johnson, wood Samuel Stafford,	3 25
Ira C. Perham, “ “	4 75
C. Norwood, “ “	1 00
Earl Evans, medical services Mrs. Staf-	
ford,	38 25
Samuel Stafford, aid from town,	4 00
E. W. Bent, house rent Samuel Stafford,	27 50
Mrs. Emery Fuller, “ “ “	8 75
Mrs. L. G. Ball, board Jebbs children,	35 00
S. M. Morse, expenses “	8 70
Mrs. E. Conroy, aid from town to March 4,	144 00
City of Keene, for George A. DeBell,	50 81
Dr. J. B. Hyland, medical services G. A.	
DeBell,	4 00
Insane asylum, George Towne,	129 45
Insane asylum, James Roach,	129 61
Lewis Tatro, aid from town,	10 00
Bridget Lally, support James Dunlavy,	18 00
Mrs. Jas. Sullivan, support James Dun-	
lavy,	62 00
Dr. M. T. Stone, medical services for Mrs.	
Carrie Daniels,	12 00
Mrs. Anne Burpee, board and nursing for	
Mrs. Carrie Daniels,	35 00
S. M. Morse, for cash, Mrs. Carrie Dan-	
iels,	5 00

Paid Earl Evans, medical services for Andrew Wheeler,	\$20 00
John Conroy, board of Willie Coughlin,	20 00
H. H. Pratt, goods for Wm. Roach,	15 77
W. F. Sanders, coffin for Wm. Roach,	12 50
Mrs. Wm. Roach, aid from town,	5 00
B. F. Howe, for provisions for Wm. Roach,	58 51
A. H. Taft, medical services for Wm. Roach,	19 90
H. H. Pratt, goods for Mrs. Diantha DeBell,	7 50
E. W. Bent, house rent for Samuel Stafford,	18 50
E. L. Holton, goods for James Dunlavy,	1 50
J. Sullivan, support of James Dunlavy,	8 00
W. S. Leonard, services to Wm. Roach,	7 00
E. Evans, for Stone children,	3 75
E. Evans, for Fred DeBell,	8 75
E. Evans, for Mrs. Stafford,	9 75
Chase & Richards, for James Dunlavy,	6 00
George W. Pierce, for Eva Hammond,	29 35
George W. Pierce, for Mrs. Taft's children,	7 50
George W. Pierce, for Jebb's children,	7 67
O. L. Howard, moving Taft family,	4 25
Total,	<hr/> \$1,364 12

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Emily Smith, aid from town,	\$96 50
A. H. Taft, medical services for Emily Smith,	37 50

Paid J. D. Graves, board of Lucia Hammond,	\$101 28
George L. Fullam, board of Frank Field,	41 02
Mrs. Emeline Putnam, support of Bertie Willard,	27 43
Lyman Clark, support of Bertie Willard,	26 29
A. H. Taft, medical aid for Mrs. Lucy Pickering,	15 00
Lucy Pickering, aid from town,	12 00
Winchester Box Co., wood for Mrs. L. Pickering,	1 15
N. D. Safford, wood for Mrs. L. Pickering,	7 50
Patrick Rowan, house rent for A. Lamoran,	16 33
A. H. Taft, medical services for A. Lamoran,	5 25
George W. Hunt, for Miss Irene Felt,	32 67
Winchester Box Co., wood for Miss Irene Felt,	2 55
Harvey Jewell, provisions, etc., for Miss Irene Felt,	4 51
J. H. Bliss, goods for Miss Irene Felt,	3 03
W. F. Sanders, casket for Miss Irene Felt (paid by sisters),	22 00
Ella J. Hildreth, work and provisions for Miss Irene Felt,	3 43
Francis G. Burt, board of Lottie Moore,	32 50
George W. Hunt, board of Lottie Moore,	28 75
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Lottie Moore,	2 85
Mrs. Nathan Whipple, board of Lottie Moore,	1 96
A. H. Taft, medical services Lottie Moore,	4 50
Cash aid from town to Mary Hayes,	49 50
H. H. Pratt, goods for Mary Hayes,	16 92
Cash aid from town to Aleck Granier,	5 00

Paid Mrs. James Roach, house rent for Aleck Granier,	\$18 00
C. W. Fairbanks, milk for Aleck Granier,	5 00
Daniel Duggan, straw for Aleck Granier,	1 50
A. N. Kingsley, goods for Aleck Granier,	6 70
A. H. Taft, medical services for Aleck Granier,	75 00
Mrs. Gonyou, work sewing for Aleck Granier,	1 50
R. Blais, bread for Aleck Granier,	11 80
E. W. Baker, milk and potatoes for Aleck Granier,	8 74
Henry H. Pratt, goods for Aleck Granier,	22 44
S. M. Morse, cash paid funeral expenses Mrs. Boufor,	5 00
Napoleon Marcia, care of baby Leon Boufor,	8 00
A. N. Kingsley, goods for Leon Boufor,	1 30
A. H. Taft, medical services Leon Boufor and family,	120 50
Mrs. Gonyou, nursing in Boufor family,	22 70
Frank Boufor, washing and cleaning for Boufor family,	3 00
S. O. Hawkins, wood Boufor family,	10 00
Wright Wood, goods Boufor family,	24 65
A. H. Taft, medical services Boufor baby,	3 00
H. H. Pratt, goods Boufor family,	15 78
W. F. Sanders, coffin Mrs. Boufor,	10 00
B. F. Howe,	
Napoleon Marcia, taking care Boufor baby,	4 85
Selectmen, cash aid Mrs. John Patnode,	15 00
W. F. Sanders, coffin John Patnode,	10 00
Selectmen, cash paid nursing Mrs. Joseph Duplicy,	8 00

Paid H. H. Pratt, goods Joseph Duplicy family,	\$45 45
Selectmen, cash paid Mrs. Dyten washing for Duplicy family,	2 25
W. F. Sanders, coffin Lamoran child,	5 50
C. S. Baker, support Mary Baker,	65 18
Wright Wood, goods Mrs. Anne Crabb,	58 50
M. D. Bryant, board Fred Davis' family,	51 82
Dr. George I. Cutler, medical services Davis family,	18 25
H. H. Pratt, goods James Dyten,	4 97
W. F. Sanders, coffin Fred Mitchel,	6 00
W. F. Sanders, coffin Peter Tardie's child,	5 00
W. F. Sanders, coffin for child,	4 00
E. A. Winter, keeping tramps,	15 10
C. P. Lawrence, sexton,	2 50
Ansel Dickinson, wood for Mrs. Pickering,	4 25
Wood Brothers, meat for Irene Felt,	2 07
J. E. Felch, house rent for Jo. Duplicy,	18 00
Joseph Graves, board of Lucia Hammond,	10 00
W. S. Leonard, medical services for Mary Hayes,	3 15
Ida Shuntly, work for Duplicy family,	4 86
Chase & Richards, clothing for Boufor boy,	3 00
B. F. Howe, goods for A. Graney,	17 09
B. F. Howe, goods for Leon Boufor,	26 54
B. F. Howe, goods for A. Lamoran,	13 44
Alvin Kempton, for Irene Felt,	1 00
Mrs. Alvin Kempton, nursing Irene Felt,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,402 80

SCHOOLS.

Paid H. W. Brigham, appropriation,	\$200 00
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Paid H. W. Brigham, appropriation,	\$200 00
H. W. Brigham, “	300 00
Charles J. Fosgate, “	500 00
H. W. Brigham, “	500 00
H. W. Brigham, “	300 00
H. W. Brigham, “	500 00
N. D. Safford, cleaning out cellar to school house,	5 50
H. W. Brigham, “	300 00
H. W. Brigham, “	1,000 00
H. W. Brigham, “	500 00
H. W. Brigham, “	1,002 12
Total,	<hr/> \$5,307 62

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid O. A. Moulton, repairing fire engine,	\$ 4 00
W. N. Haskell, cash for expenses for Fire Department as per bill,	33 27
W. N. Haskell, goods for Fire Department,	28 50
A. W. Nason, work and material for Fire Department,	6 95
J. A. Fitzgerald, services as Steward Ashuelot Fire Company,	10 00
James P. Welch, pay of Antique Fire Company,	150 00
John Donivan, pay of Ashuelot Fire Company,	200 00
Thomas Joyce, care of engine at Lower Ashuelot,	15 80
Charles G. Pickett, pay of Neptune Engine Company,	280 00

Paid Taylor & Stebbins, sundries for Fire Department,	\$7 88
N. D. Safford, team drawing engine to fire,	6 00
E. L. Holton, goods for Fire Department,	60
W. H. & F. W. Hildreth, work and goods for Fire Department,	21 32
A. W. Nason, services as Fireward,	6 00
Total,	<hr/> \$770 32
Appropriation,	300 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. Abbott, Moderator, March, 1887,	\$ 5 00
Edward Barber, Sexton,	14 75
W. F. Flint, services as Health Officer,	12 74
Wm. M. Baker, services as Policeman,	13 00
G. H. Snow, Town Clerk,	60 00
Wm. F. Flint, painting for Board of Health,	3 50
E. W. Barker, services as Police,	10 00
H. Abbott, services as Town Treasurer,	40 00
G. W. Peirce, services on Board of Health,	9 76
C. M. Norwood, services as Supervisor,	10 00
O. L. Howard, services as Sexton,	133 50
C. J. Fosgate, services on Board of Education,	96 57
W. S. Phillips, services as Police,	10 50
A. H. Taft, services on Board of Health,	7 00
A. H. Taft, services on Board of Education,	82 25
H. W. Brigham, services on Board of Education,	105 40
S. M. Morse, services as Assessor and Selectman,	180 00

Paid S. M. Morse, services as Overseer of Poor,	\$63 40
C. E. Slate, services as Assessor and Selectman,	170 75
C. E. Slate, services as Overseer of Poor,	20 00
D. H. Thompson, services as Assessor and Selectman,	149 00
D. H. Thompson, services as Overseer of Poor,	7 00
Levi Saben, Collector,	175 00
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	\$1,379 12

EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Paid N. P. Burbank, breaking roads and shovel- ing snow,	\$1 00
Leander Felt, superintendent, salary,	126 95
Wm. Flint, making plan of cemetery,	5 00
W. H. Jennings, land for cemetery,	187 50
Lucy Doolittle and heirs, land for cemetery,	105 00
Elijah Hammond, burning brush in ceme- tery,	5 55
Wm. Flint, surveying and laying out lots,	6 00
Charles Jackson, building new road,	141 00
C. E. Slate, labor on land building fence,	26 00
N. P. Burbank, contract for moving fence, etc.,	50 00
J. P. Cass, posts for fence on new road,	14 70
L. E. Whipple, painting cemetery fence,	28 25
A. W. Nason, labor and material for paint- ing fence,	93 40
Taylor & Stebbins, wire and staples for fence,	26 32
Charles Foster, work on new part of ceme- tery,	2 50

Paid Wm. Flint, making plans for cemetery,	\$2 00
Alvin Kempton, shoveling snow,	2 50
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Total,	\$823 67
Care of cemetery,	\$130 45
Painting fence,	121 65
Additional,	571 57

CEMETERY NEAR JOEL FOSGATE'S.

Paid Taylor & Stebbins, wire staples, lead and oil,	\$7 38
D. H. Thompson, posts and labor for cemetery fence,	19 60
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Total,	\$26 98

STATE TAX.

Paid H. Abbott, Treasurer, state tax,	\$2,580 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Treasurer, county tax,	\$2,319 64
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NOTES, BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid Charles P. Britton, town bond and coupons,	\$1,030 00
H. Abbott, note and interest, Winchester National Bank,	2,535 42
Security Savings Bank, note and interest,	2,080 00
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	\$5,645 42

DECORATING SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid D. H. Thompson,	\$50 00
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OLD BILLS.

Paid Morris & Ireland, Boston, safe bought	
1886,	\$275 00
A. F. Gardner, Keene, for Eva Hammond,	37 65
E. C. Hildreth, fire department,	5 00
P. W. Taylor, aid furnished Mrs. Henry	
DeBell by Hinsdale,	5 50
H. W. Warner, moving town safe,	10 00
J. R. Putnam, Police services, 1886,	4 00
J. O. Hill, breaking roads, 1886,	6 83
County Commissioners, support of Doucett	
boy, Reform school, 1886,	78 00
Martin M. Baker, services as Supervisor	
1885-6,	13 00
S. M. Baker, services as Selectman,	10 00
D. H. Thompson, snowing bridge,	2 00
E. S. Adams, breaking roads,	6 12
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town re-	
ports, 1886,	77 80
George H. Doolittle, breaking roads,	2 50
Wright Wood, goods for Joseph Little,	
1886,	18 21
Wright Wood, goods for Mrs. Ann Crabb,	
1886,	60 00
Wright-Wood, goods for J. A. Dyton,	
1886,	20 76
H. W. Warner, work on highway,	1 55
F. H. Eames, error in deposit, 1886,	9 00
F. H. Eames, services as Selectman,	7 50
H. P. Read, snowing Comb's bridge, 1886,	3 80
Fred H. Field, breaking roads, 1886,	1 87
Earl Evans, inquisition on George Towne,	5 00

Paid Earl Evans, inquisition on Jonah F. Bent,	\$5 00
George W. Hutchins, public water, 1886,	3 00
Charles Jackson, breaking roads,	2 10
A. W. Nason, services as Auditor, 1885,	2 00
Bradley Rixford, breaking roads,	6 00
W. H. Spalter, books and stationery, 1886,	9 75
G. W. Combs, work on roads,	3 50
E. Allen Kingman, services as Selectman, 1886,	9 50
A. A. Putnam, service as Auditor 1885-6,	4 00
A. A. Putnam, service as Supervisor 1886,	8 00
C. D. Willis, breaking roads,	4 00
George O. Harvey, gravel for highway,	3 00
Herman Healy, breaking roads,	2 10
E. A. Pickering, breaking roads,	1 50
Mrs. E. Conroy, aid from town 1886,	12 00
G. A. DeBell, aid from City of Keene,	18 51
George Towne, Insane Asylum,	34 80
James Roach, Insane Asylum,	34 32
C. W. Dockrill, for services at H. G. Reckel's funeral,	5 00
H. H. Pratt, goods for Mrs. Wm. Allen,	9 05
E. L. Holton, goods for Mrs. Charles Wheeler,	1 25
James P. Putnam, breaking roads,	2 80
Henry Gould, services as Supervisor,	10 00
B. F. Howe, goods for Mrs. John DeBell,	6 74
B. F. Howe, goods for A. Granier,	36 13
Henry Gould, service as Auditor,	2 00
George W. Pierce, registering births and deaths,	12 25
Alvin Kempton, shoveling snow,	2 35
D. S. Saben, repairing bridge,	1 50

Paid W. A. Esty, work on highway,	\$5 00
E. Wilber, damage to sleigh,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$921 24

TOWN HALL.

Paid G. Wardwell, curtain fixtures town hall,	\$14 40
C. D. Seaver, painting town clock dials,	5 00
Taylor & Stebbins, rope and soap,	2 46
George W. Foster, tuning piano,	3 00
James H. Bliss, sundries for hall,	6 97
B. P. H. Randall, care of town clock and rope,	15 50
John Hutchins, stove pipe for town hall,	8 00
George H. Snow, care of town hall,	33 75
George H. Snow, cash paid for wood,	11 25
George H. Snow, error on order,	75
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SUNDRIES.

Paid Homer Smith, damage to sheep by dogs,	\$62 00
Wm. H. Smith, " "	48 00
Wood Brothers, " "	24 00
L. F. Buffum, " "	4 00
Valley Record, advertising,	1 25
S. M. Morse, cash paid for sundries,	2 16
Total,	<hr/> \$141 41

LIBRARY.

Paid J. Grace Alexander,	\$300 00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Wm. A. Morey, error in poll tax,	\$1 15
Sarah Carlton, error in tax,	3 45
Elijah H. Hammond, error in tax,	58
Lyman Clark, " "	3 45
David O. Fisher, " "	2 87
Charles St. Clair, " "	1 15
H. L. Shepardson, " "	1 55
Frank Naramore, " "	1 61
E. W. Baker, " "	3 45
C. N. Metcalf, " "	2 88
E. W. Baker, " " (paid twice),	3 45
Morrison Forbush, error in tax,	2 30
George Paroe, " "	1 15
Levi Saben, Collector's list,	1 15
Frank Carlton, abatement on interest money,	1 15
Patrick J. Fallon, poll and dog,	2 15
H. Abbott, mining company,	4 60
Levi Saben, Collector's error in poll taxes,	25 30
Levi Saben, Collector's error in tax on real estate,	28 75
Levi Saben, Collector's abatement on dog taxes,	2 00
Levi Saben, Collector's abatement Mrs. Annie Green's real estate,	3 45
Levi Saben, Collector's abatement on poll taxes,	47 82
Total,	<hr/> \$145 41

RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary town charges,	\$ 116 11
Highways,	3,274 33
Town paupers,	1,364 12
County paupers,	1,402 80
Schools,	5,307 62
Fire department,	770 32
Town officers,	1,379 12
Evergreen cemetery,	823 67
State tax,	2,580 00
County tax,	2,319 64
Notes, bonds and interest,	5,645 42
Library,	300 00
Decoration,	50 00
Old bills,	921 24
Sundries,	141 41
Cemetery near J. Fosgate's,	26 98
Town hall,	101 58
Abatement of taxes,	145 41
Total,	<hr/> \$26,669 77

S. M. MORSE,

C. E. SLATE,

D. H. THOMPSON,

Selectmen of Winchester.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1888, and find them correct.

LIABILITIES.

Literary fund due schools,	\$463 24
Dog tax due schools,	38 00
Outstanding bills, estimated,	100 00
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	\$601 24

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1888,	\$547 60
Due from County, support of paupers,	423 02
Due from J. F. Bent estate,	157 20
Due from B. C. Jackson,	3 00
Due from Town of Chesterfield,	3 00
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	\$1,133 82
Balance in favor of town, March 1, 1888,	\$532 58

HENRY GOULD,
AMOS A. PUTNAM,
ALVIN W. NASON,
Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen :

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring “clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report,” I hereby submit the following :

Births Registered in the Town of Winchester, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Par- ents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.							
Feb. 25	-		F	L	2	W	W	Ashuelot.	Mechanic.	Canada.	Canada.	44	37
" 25	Francis Leo.	M	F	L	8	W	W	"	Paper mill.	"	New York State		
Mar. 3	Patrick.	M	F	L	2	W	W	"	Blacksmith.	"	Winchester.	44	
" 6			F	L	6	W	W	"	Laborer.	"	Ireland.		
" 18			F	L	5	W	W	"	"	"	Canada.		
Apr. 6		M	F	L	1	W	W	"	Farming.	Winchester.	Winchester.	22	19
" 24	Fred I.	M	F	L	5	W	W	"	Mill hand.	Canada.	Canada.	30	28
May 13	Mary.	M	F	L	1	W	W	"	Farmer.	Winchester.	Winchester.	24	19
" 30	Persis R.		F	L	2	W	W	"	Mill.	"	Ireland.	41	27
" 30			F	L	1	W	W	"	Mason.	Swansey.	Winchester.	36	25
June 7		M	F	L	4	W	W	"	Farmer.	Winchester.	Winchester.	36	30
" 14		M	F	L	1	W	W	"	Gen'l laborer.	Barnard, Vt.	Barnard, Vt.	29	35
" 18		M	F	L	5	W	W	"	Mechanic.	Fitzwilliam.	Wakefield, Ms.	26	23
" 19		M	F	L	2	W	W	"	Farmer.	New Jersey.	New Jersey.	26	23
" 27	Josephine M.	M	F	L	9	W	W	"	Mechanic.	Ireland.	New York State	44	43
" 29			F	L	1	W	W	"	"	Marlborough.	Swansey.	28	25
" 29	Lena Emma.	M	F	L	3	W	W	"	"	New York City.	Warwick, Ms.	31	30
July 19			F	L	4	W	W	"	Factory.	Northfield, Ms.	Germany.	27	24
" 30			F	L	3	W	W	"	Mechanic.	Winchester.	Millbury, Mass.	30	25
July 22			F	L	1	W	W	Winchester.	Mill.	Roston, Mass.	Winchester.	27	25
Aug. 1		M	F	S	1	W	W	"	Carpenter.	Winchester.	Vermont.	38	36
" 10			F	L	7	W	W	"	"	"	Nelson.		
" 25			F	L	4	W	W	"	"	"	Ireland.		
" 29	Lorinda Electa.	M	F	L	1	W	W	"	"	Winchester.	Winchester.	22	21
" 5			F	L	3	W	W	"	Mechanic.	"	Athol, Mass.	43	26
" 7			F	L	2	W	W	"	Laborer.	"	West Swansey.	28	20
Sept. 7			F	L	3	W	W	"	Mechanic.	"	Greenfield, Vt.	29	25
" 10	Josephine.		F	L	3	W	W	"	Farmer.	"	Winchester.	29	26
" 15			F	L	3	W	W	"	"	"	"	29	22
" 16		M	F	L	11	W	W	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	37	38
			F	L		W	W	"	"	"	"		

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Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Par- ents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.								
Sept. 17		M		T	1	W	W	Winchester.	Farmer.	Winchester.	Winchester.	24	20
" 25		M		L	3	W	W	"	Mechanic.	Richmond.	Chesterfield.	30	26
" 29		M		L	2	W	W	"	"	Winchester.	"	26	24
Oct. 8		M	F	L	1	W	W	"	Teacher.	New Bedford, Ms	Boston, Mass.	26	24
" 15			F	L	1	W	W	"	Laborer.	Richmond.	Richmond.	21	20
" 16			F	L	2	W	W	"	Car driver.	Truro, Ill.	Springfield, Ms	25	21
" 19			F	L	1	W	W	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	21	21
" 22	Fred James.	M		L	3	W	W	"	Mechanic.	Canada.	Winchester.	27	25
" 22	Michael.	M		L	7	W	W	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Westminster Ms	32	28
" 7	Arthur D.	M		L	1	W	W	"	Overseer.	Holyoke, Mass.	Hinsdale.	25	18
" 22	Mary Floranda.	M	F	S	2	W	W	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	25	20
Nov. 23	Aggie.	M			3	W	W	"	Mechanic.	Canada.	Winchester.	24	26
Dec. 23			F		1	W	W	"	Mill.	"	"	22	23
" 29	Emma.		F		2	W	W	"	"	"	"	22	28

Marriages Registered in the Town of Winchester, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Mar.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 1	Greenfield, Ms	Leander M. Kent.	Winchester.	56 W	W	Mechanic.	Warren, Vt.	Horace Kent.	Warren, Vt.		3d	Rev. A. Brooks,
		Nettie Goodale.	Hooksett.	40 W	W	Housework.	Hooksett.	Emmie Flint.	Brintree, Vt.		1st	Greenfield, Ms.
" 11	Winchester.	Charles E. Gilmore	Keene.	28 W	W	Merchant.	Keene.	Betsy F. Hebron.	Hebron.		1st	Rev. E. A. Read,
		Agnes E. Bowker.	Winchester.	19 W	W		Fitzwilliam.	E. R. Gilmore.	Franklin, Mass		1st	Hinsdale.
Apr. 4	"	Clinton H. Barrett.	"	21 W	W		Montague Ms	Susan E. D. F. Bowker.	Wrentham, Ms.		1st	Rev. E. A. Read,
		Kate B. Doolittle.	Richmond.	17 W	W		Richmond.	Elizabeth M. Ellen C. Rich.	Hinsdale.		1st	Hinsdale.
" 13	"	Charles G. Rixford	Winchester.	23 W	W	Farmer.	Winchester.	Etta Buftum.	Barnard, Vt.		1st	Rev. M. Hartwell
		Cora B. Smith.	"	25 W	W	Teacher.	"	B. Rixford.	Richmond.		1st	Winchester.
" 26	"	Clifford H. Smith.	"	17 W	W	Sawyer.	Petersham,	Angeline U. Lydia Darling.	Winchester.		1st	Rev. M. Hartwell
		Minnie B. Esly.	"	16 W	W		Winchester.	H. W. Smith.	Hardwick, Ms.		1st	Winchester.
" 29	"	W. H. Chamberlain.	"	43 W	W		Petersham,	Jennie Gray.	Athol, Mass.		3d	Rev. M. Hartwell
		Lizzie A. Tucker.	"	23 W	W		"	Warren Esly.	Petersham, Ms.		1st	Winchester.
June 11	Hinsdale.	James P. Sullivan.	"	40 W	W	Farmer.	Ireland.	Jane Field.	Ireland.		2d	Hinsdale.
		Bridget Lally.	"	40 W	W	Housewife.	"	E. Chamberlain.	"		1st	Rev. N. C. Alger,
" 20	Marlborough	Eddie E. Jackson.	"	22 W	W	Farming.	Winchester.	Mary Wheeler.	Winchester.		1st	Marlborough.
		S. Anna Bliss.	"	23 W	W			Mary Tucker.	"		1st	
								Jas. Sullivan.	"		2d	
								Ann McMann.	"		2d	
								Jas. Dunlavy.	"		1st	
								Chas. Jackson.	Winchester.		1st	
								Sarah L.	"		1st	
								Benj. W. Bliss.	"		1st	
								Lavine A.	"		1st	

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Winchester, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Mar.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 26	Winchester.	William H. Very.	Winchester.	24 W	W	Laborer.	Ohio.	Chas. W. Very. Fanny. John Debell. Diantha D.		Farmer. Housewife. Farmer. Housewife.	1st 1st	J. T. Burnap. Winchester.
" 30	"	Maria J. Debell. Andre Mercear.	" N. Leverett, Ms	16 W 50 W	W W	Housework. Laborer.	Winchester. Canada.	William Louise. Maria Baker.	Canada. Shutesbury, Ms	Housewife.	2d	Rev. M. Hartwell
July 2	Athol, Mass.	Ada Baker. Walter E. Ward.	Warwick, Ms. Winchester.	19 W 30 W	W W	Laborer. Finisher.	Shutesbury, Winchester.	William Louise. Maria Jane. Thomas Ward. Charlotte.	Shutesbury, Ms Pelham, Mass. England.	Housewife.	1st	Winchester.
Aug. 29	Northfield, Ms	Joanna Gray. C. E. Partridge.	" "	38 W 35 W	W W	Dressmaking Mechanic.	Swansey.	Gardner Wood. Joanna Wood. S. B. Partridge. Mary E.	Oakham, Mass. Fitzwilliam.	Mechanic. Housewife.	2d 2d	Athol, Mass. Rev. C. Pomeroy
Sept. 5	Winchester.	Ellen J. Bernard. B. N. Richardson.	Leeds, Mass. Athol, Mass.	20 W 30 W	W W	Laborer.	Canada. N. Leverett, Ms	G. Richardson. Catharine W.	N. Leverett, Ms "	Laborer. Housewife.	1st 2d	Northfield, Ms. J. T. Burnap.
Oct. 1	W. Swansey.	Mary M. Rogers. Wallace M. Pickett	" Winchester.	27 W 24 W	W W	Housework. Mechanic.	Canada. Winchester.	Geo. P. Rogers Malissa. Hosea Pickett. E. Nancy.	Vermont. Canada. Winchester.	Mason. Housewife. Farmer. Housewife.	1st 1st	Winchester. Rev. S. G. Abbott
" 5	Hinsdale.	S. Lois Jackson. John W. Bartley.	" Springfield, Vt.	18 W 29 W	W W	Housework. Laborer.	" Perkinsville,	Chas. Jackson. S. Lois Thayer. Owen Bartley. Bridget.	Winchester. "	Farmer. Housewife.	1st	Swansey.
" 15	Winchester.	Nora E. Holihan. Dennis Mullen. Mary E. Read.	Winchester. " "	26 W 20 W 19 W	W W W	Housewife. Box shop. At home.	Winchester. Rutland, Vt.	Thos. Holihan. Bridget. John Mullen. Mary Read. Joseph Read.	Ireland. Ireland. Vermont.	Housewife.	1st 1st 1st	Rev. J. Holihan. Hinsdale. Rev. T. L. Fowler Winchester.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Winchester, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Oct. 26	Winchester.	James F. Fallon.	Winchester.	21 W	Mill.		Pittsfield, Ms	Patrick Fallon.	Pittsfield, Ms.	Stone mason.	1st	Rev. J. Holihan.
		Jane A. Warren.	"	25 W	"		Ashuelot.	John Warren.	Ireland.	Engineer.	1st	Hinsdale.
Nov. 1	"	Artie W. Rixford.	"	27 W	Box shop.		Winchester.	Marg't Durkin.	Ireland.	Housewife.	1st	Rev. M. Hartwell
		Frances Thompson	"	20 W	Teacher.		"	Brad'y Rixford.	Winchester.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. M. Hartwell
" 3	"	Kenneth McCarley	"	56 W	Laborer.		Canada.	A. W. Howard.	"	Housewife.	1st	Winchester.
		Mary Jane Farmer	"	42 W	Housework.		York State.	C. Thompson.	"	Farmer.	2d	Rev. C. Dockrill,
		George Sherman.	"	33 W	Teacher.		Brimfield, Ms	Julia E. Barrett	Scotland.	Housewife.	2d	Winchester.
" 16	"	Jennie Flora Swan	"	27 W	"		Winchester.	Marg't Nonroe	"		2d	Rev. M. Hartwell
" 30	"	Edwin W. Hume.	New Jersey.	31 W	Hatter.		Paterson, N Y	John Sherman.	Warren, Vt.	Farmer.	1st	Winchester.
		Eva M. Crowell.	Winchester.	20 W	Teacher.		Medford, Ms.	Sophia.	Wales, Mass.	Housewife.	1st	Rev. M. Hartwell
								Henry B. Swan	Richmond.		1st	Rev. M. Hartwell
								Eliza Howard.	Townshend, Vt.		1st	Winchester.
								Mary R. Hume.			1st	Winchester.
								Martha Richard			1st	Winchester.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Winchester, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition			Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.		Father.	Mother.		
Jan.	16 Rachel Cook.	64	3	2	Richmond.	M	F	W	Housework.	Warwick, Mass.	Richmond.	Asahel Kelton.	Beisey Barrows.
Jan.	9 Albert H. Plummer.	31	10	12	Winchester.	M	W	W	Fanner.	Charlestown.	Lancaster.	Wm. H. Plummer.	Abbie Maynard.
Feb.	21 Hiram R. Fisher.	31	1	15	Hinsdale.	M	W	W	Farmer.	Hinsdale.	Keene.	Lyman H. Fisher.	Marcelline Talbot.
Apr.	5 Jim Vigneau.	56	5	6	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housework.	Canada.	Canada.	Charles Vigneau.	Caroline Talbot.
May	25 Olive A. Buffum.	31	4	8	Royalston, Mass.	M	F	W	Housework.	Templeton, Ms.	Royalston, Ms.	John M. Upham.	Matilda Blood.
May	10 Carrie E. Swan.	54	4	8	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Winchester.	Swansey.	John M. Upham.	Matilda Blood.
"	16 Mary Nickerson.	78	6	2	Phillipston, Mass.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Olive A. Upham.
"	28 Elizabeth Harvey.	79	2	22	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
"	28 Elizabeth Harvey.	79	2	22	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
June	21 Elizabeth M. Byer.	22	11	10	New Jersey.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
July	9 Margaret English.	56	3	11	Ireland.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
Aug.	26 John H. Baldwin.	87	11	20	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
Aug.	26 Alice L. Hildreth.	29	8	4	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
Sept.	10 William Patnode.	22	11	20	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
"	14 John Patnode.	22	11	20	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
"	30 Adol G. Bonford.	28	1	6	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
Oct.	1 Willard Barnard.	76	3	29	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
"	13 Charles P. Reed.	86	2	19	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
"	22 Frank White.	73	3	10	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
Nov.	20 Irene W. Felt.	73	3	10	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
Dec.	12 Earl W. Thompson	2	2	7	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.
"	19 William Roach.	2	2	7	Winchester.	M	F	W	Housewife.	Bolton, Mass.	Swansey.	Stephen Baker.	Roxana Lane.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. SNOW,
Town Clerk.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Winchester qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for ordinary town charges the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

ART. 5.—To see what method the town will vote to take to keep the roads in repair the ensuing year, and to raise money therefor.

ART. 6.—To see what method the town will vote to take to support the poor the ensuing year, and to raise money therefor.

ART. 7.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Fire Department the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the care of Evergreen Cemetery the ensuing year, and also for fencing and improving the addition which was made the past year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the town will take in relation to lighting the streets the ensuing year, and raise money therefor.

ART. 10.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for decorating soldiers' graves.

ART. 11.—To see what action the town will take in relation to rebuilding or repairing the iron bridge at the Center village, and raise money therefor.

ART. 12.—To see what action the town will take in relation to rebuilding or repairing the covered bridge at the lower village of Ashuelot, and raise money therefor.

ART. 13.—To see if the town will take any action in relation to building a sewer for draining the school-house lot at the Center village, and also a sewer at Ashuelot, as recommended by the Board of Health, raise money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will raise or appropriate any money for new side-walks or act thereon.

ART. 15.—To see what action the town will take in removing the wire fence, and building and painting a board fence around the cemetery near Joel Fosgate's, as voted by the town at the last March meeting, 1887.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of years any additional machinery, buildings, and stock in trade that the Winchester Box Manufacturing Company may add to their business.

ART. 17.—To see if the town will vote to allow Martin D. Bryant to place his fence on a line with Mrs. Eliza Plummer on the highway.

ART. 18.—To see what disposition the town will make of the Town Hall the ensuing year.

ART. 19.—To hear the report of the committee appointed to confer with the Universalist society in relation to the disposal of the Town Hall, and to take such action as may be deemed necessary in procuring or building more ample accommodations for the use of the town for a town hall, town library and town offices, and raise money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 20.—To hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate in relation to procuring a supply of water for Evergreen Cemetery, and take such action as may be deemed necessary, and raise money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 21.—To see if the town will vote to pay the firemen anything in excess of what is allowed by law.

ART. 22.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the town library the ensuing year.

ART. 23.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any money for a town history.

ART. 24.—To see if the town will construct one or more reservoirs in Winchester village for fire purposes, procure water for the same, raise money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 25.—To see if the town will vote to let the Universalist society cut out a door in the northwest corner of the town house, change the stairway leading to the church, and to make such other improvements about the church as they may desire.

ART. 26.—To see if the town will vote to purchase an additional quantity of hose for use of the fire department, and raise money therefor.

ART. 27.—To see if the town will vote to grant to such residents of adjoining towns as may desire the privilege of the town library on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Directors.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February,
A. D. 1888.

S. M. MORSE,

C. E. SLATE,

D. H. THOMPSON,

Selectmen of Winchester.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT.—Attest :

S. M. MORSE,

C. E. SLATE,

D. H. THOMPSON,

Selectmen of Winchester.

